

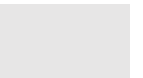
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## RIBERALVES CONSULTING LAB ON INNOVATION - THE NEW CODFISH PRODUCTS' PRICING STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS

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# Should Riberalves innovate its Cod Fish offer?



## ABSTRACT

This project provides a thorough investigation on new consumption habits, Cod Fish consumption and the Added-Value Frozen Fish market. The goal of this work project is, thus, over a deep understanding of AVFF market, provide Riberalves with a comprehensive recommendation on how to innovate its existing Cod Fish offer through an entry on the AVFF market with Cod Fish based products.. The outcomes of this project are three product proposals together with a packaging prototype and a pricing and discount strategy to allow the entrance of the company in this new market by taking advantage of company's strengths.

**Keywords:** Cod Fish, Added-Value Frozen Fish, New consumption patterns , Product, Packaging, Pricing, Discount, Riberalves, Distribution Brands

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# Introductory Note

## CONSULTING LABS



### INTRODUCTORY NOTE:

Consulting Labs are projects developed in collaboration between a company that proposes a real-life challenge to solve. The relationship is mutually beneficial. For Riberalves this collaboration can bring new knowledge, creative insights and strategic recommendations on existing challenges; can allow Riberalves to access young talent with strong analytic capabilities; and also keep a privileged network with NOVASBE, one of the best business schools in Portugal. On the other hand, for the NOVA SBE team, it is a chance to apply learned and discussed in class methods and acquire further knowledge through a real-life challenge with leading companies as Riberalves. Moreover, it's a chance to contact with highly qualified managers and experts to obtain new understandings and perspectives on how to develop a critical reasoning to unleash successful business management.



## GLOSSARY

AVF: Added-Value Frozen	EU28's: Relative to the 28-European countries' average	operations
AVFF: Added-Value Frozen Fish	FED: American Federal Reserve	UK: United Kingdom
Avg: Average	FRN: Further Research Necessary	VAT: Value-Added Tax
B2B: Business-to-Business	FRTC: Frozen Ready to Cook	W: Worker
B2C: Business-to-Corporate	GDP: Gross Domestic Product	WSTU: Working Students
CAPEX: Capital Expenditures	HORECA: Hotels, Restaurants and Coffeehouses	w/: With
CFO: Chief Financial Officer	IoT: Internet of Things	w/o: Without
Distribution Brands (DB): Hypermarkets, Medium Supermarkets, Small Supermarkets and Traditional Retailers	Max: Maximum	Δ: Variation
EC: European Commission	SRP: Suggested Retail Price	€/kg: Euro-Price per kilogram
ECB: European Central Bank	STU: Students	€K: Thousand euros
	Stakeholder: Refers to persons or groups that affect, or are affected by, an organization's decisions, policies, and	€M: Million euros

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# The project unfolded for three months ending with a set recommendations

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Master thesis involved a Consulting Lab project with Riber Alves, a Portuguese Cod Fish company, with the mentoring of Professor Constança Casquinho. The Work Project lasted three months, in which the team work closely with Riber Alves on the pressing issue of the innovation of the company's Cod Fish offer ("Should Riber Alves innovate its Cod Fish offer?")

During the project, the group worked thoroughly on an internal and external analysis, aiming at understanding the new consumption patterns that differ from traditional Cod Fish consumption, deeply analysing the AVFF market where these consumption habits meet the products' description, and studying what should be Riber Alves' Value-Added in its entrance in this new market.

The group structured the project in a Diagnosis-Analysis-Recommendations methodology. The first step was to get a sense of what is Riber Alves, by visiting its factory and interviewing with company's experts. This first step was followed by three key-moments: In-Depth interviews, Survey and a Proof-of-Concept Test. The initial interviews conducted helped to structure the large-scale survey that reached 419 answers, all with close cooperation with company's experts. Then, hypotheses were formed through data analysis and later tested in the Proof-of-concept.

The Recommendation was divided into three product proposals. The first proposal is of Fritters, a traditional Cod Product with low market offer, the second and third are Breaded Fillets and Fish Fingers, respectively, major products in the market but not adapted to the Cod Fish protein as of yet. Each product proposal is complemented with a Packaging recommendation adding valuable insights into Riber Alves existing layout and also with a Pricing and Discount strategy recommendation to help Riber Alves enter such a competitive and price-sensitive market.

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Having defined the project’s scope, the team proceeded to the problem analysis and concluded that there is space (and the need) to innovate



METHODOLOGY | PROJECT SCOPE & SCQA

	IN SCOPE	OUT OF SCOPE
Product	Search for <b>new Cod supply solutions</b> : added-value frozen fish solutions	Changes to the current production process
Customers	To be defined based on the survey results	To be defined based on the survey results
Competitors	Analyse <b>best practices</b> of national and international players	Analyse players from <b>the plant-based or non-frozen</b> food market
Recommendations	Define <b>product, packaging, pricing and capitation</b> (number of servings)	Definition of suppliers, production process, implementation and P&L of the plan

Table 1: Project’s Scope

1	SITUATION	2	COMPLICATION
	<div> Renewed and modernized image</div> <div> Strong investment on Ready to Cook segment, constituting 67% of total sales</div> <div> Focus on a sustainable, wild-caught and superior product</div> <div> Brand with the highest recognition in the Portuguese Cod market</div>		<div> Lack of diversification in Cod offer to the customer</div> <div> Consumers lacking information on the advantages of Cod</div> <div> Fast-changing patterns and habits of consumption</div> <div> Reduced Cod consumption among younger generations</div>
3	QUESTION	4	ANSWER
	<div><p><i>Should Riberualves innovate its Cod Fish offer?</i></p></div>		<div><div>YES</div><div> Understanding the consumers' needs and preferences</div><div> Creating different products that meet these new needs</div><div> Diversifying the products' portfolio in order to attract new consumers</div></div>

Table 2: SCOA Analysis

Table 2: SCQA Analysis



*Gadus Morhua* is considered one of the healthiest natural proteins to eat. It can be bought Fresh, Dry or Frozen Ready To Cook

## METHODOLOGY | COD (GADUS MORHUA)



NAME	<i>Gadus Morhua</i>	MAX. AGE	25 years
FAMILY	<i>Gadidae</i>	GENUS	<i>Gadus</i>
AVG. WEIGHT	10 - 20 kg	AVG. SIZE	100 - 120 cm
COLOUR	Two-colour phases: grey-green and reddish brown. Changes occur at certain water depths.		
LOCATION	Atlantic North (Russia, Norway, Iceland, UK,...). Lives at an average 80m of depth, in cold temperature waters (4°C to 6°C)		
EDIBLE PARTS	Traditional Fillet, Loins, Cheeks, Tail, Tongue, Royal Fillet, Face, Shredded		

### SIZE CATEGORIZATION (IN KG)

<i>Miúdo</i>	<i>Corrente</i>		<i>Crescido</i>		<i>Graúdo</i>		<i>Especial</i>
< 0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	> 3.0

### WAYS TO BUY COD FISH

FRESH	DRY	FRTC
As it is usually consumed in the United Kingdom, used to make the famous fish & chips dish.	"The traditional way". Frozen onboard, opened in half, salted and matured for 4-12 months.	"The modern way". Passes the same stages as the Dry Cod. More practical and with the same taste.

### NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITION (PER 100G)

Protein	Fat	Saturated Fat	Vitamin B12	Phosphorus
19g	0.4g	0.1g	✓	✓

# The project had three main phases: Diagnosis, Analysis and Recommendation



## METHODOLOGY | STRUCTURE

DIAGNOSIS	ANALYSIS	RECOMMENDATION
Internal Diagnosis of Riberalves by learning company's production process and current portfolio, by understanding the key challenges faced and by discussing potential strategies and existing resources	Building the Issue Tree on why Riberalves should make this step towards the AVFF market and defining the different hypothesis on how to make this step	Define a product or portfolio of products and its ideal capitation for Riberalves' entry in the AVFF market
External Diagnosis of AVFF market by looking into most popular products and incumbents, by defining the strongest forces in this market and the economic uncertain environment and by including consumer's perspective on advantages and disadvantages of these products	Investigate what product to recommend through Benchmark and thorough survey analysis complemented with a proof-of-concept	Propose a Packaging to the different products with relevant details and a suggestion of what Target would be more interested
	Recognize Packaging best practices in the market to outline a proposal of Packaging	Recommend a Price interval for each product and a discount strategy to be applied by DB
	Test Pricing and Discount strategies to comprehend how to work with these two vital factors	

Over the period of three months, the group used several investigation methods in order to gather data, analyse it and produce actionable insights

## METHODOLOGY | INVESTIGATION METHODS



### IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS

Telephone interviews with 22 volunteers, divided according to their life stage and interest in cooking.



### QUALTRICS SURVEY

Online survey with an initial count of 468 respondents, which was then reduced to 419 in order to adjust the distribution.



### PROOF-OF-CONCEPT TESTING

Interviews outside several supermarkets, with a total of 55 respondents, aimed at testing some selected products' features.



### FACTORY VISIT

Guided visit to the largest Cod Factory in the world (Moita's Factory), in order to understand the Cod transformation process.



### MEETING WITH EXPERTS

Brainstorming meetings with Vicente Pedro Nunes (CFO) and Marilina Louro (Marketing Manager).

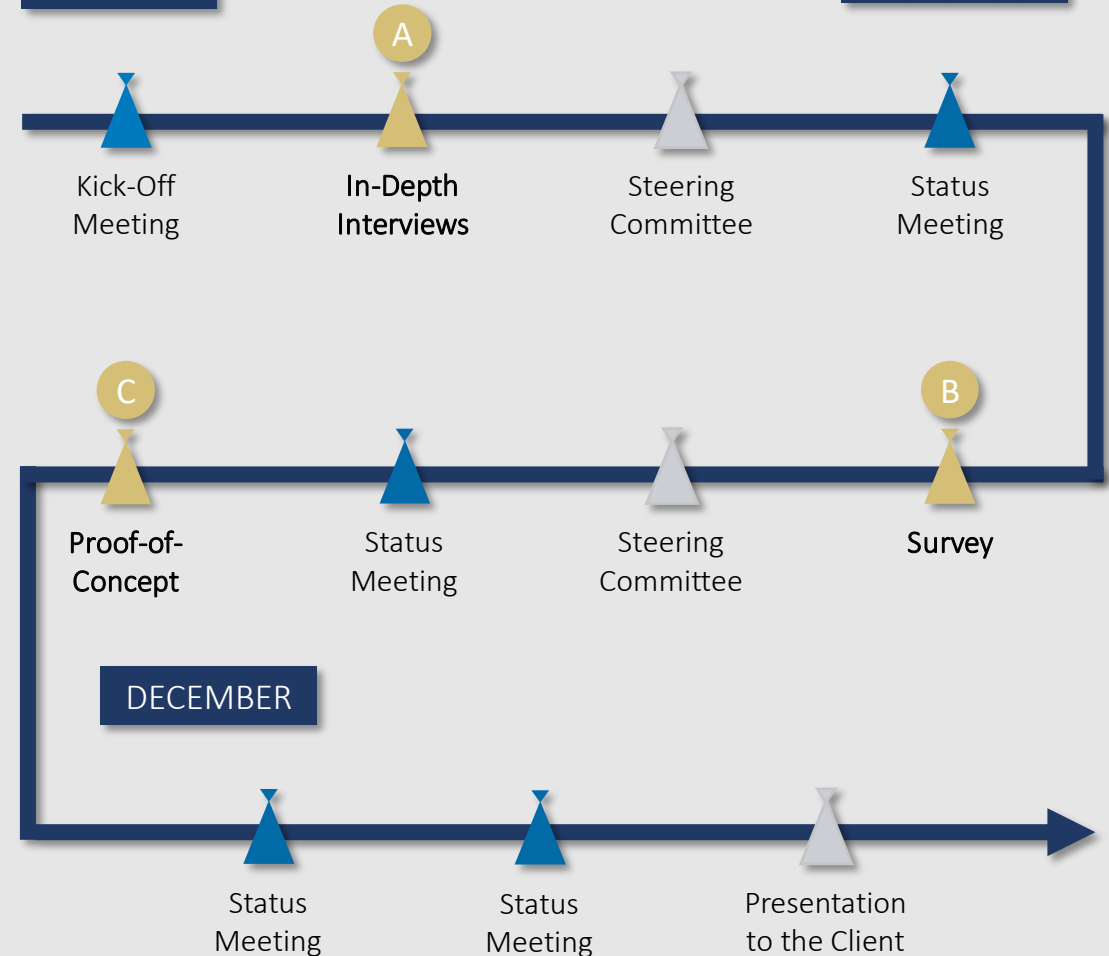


### DATA ANALYSIS

Analysis of existing and collected numerical and non-numerical data, in order to produce meaningful insights.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER





In the first phase, in-depth interviews were conducted in order to create preliminary hypotheses and deepen the teams' knowledge on the subject

## METHODOLOGY | IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS



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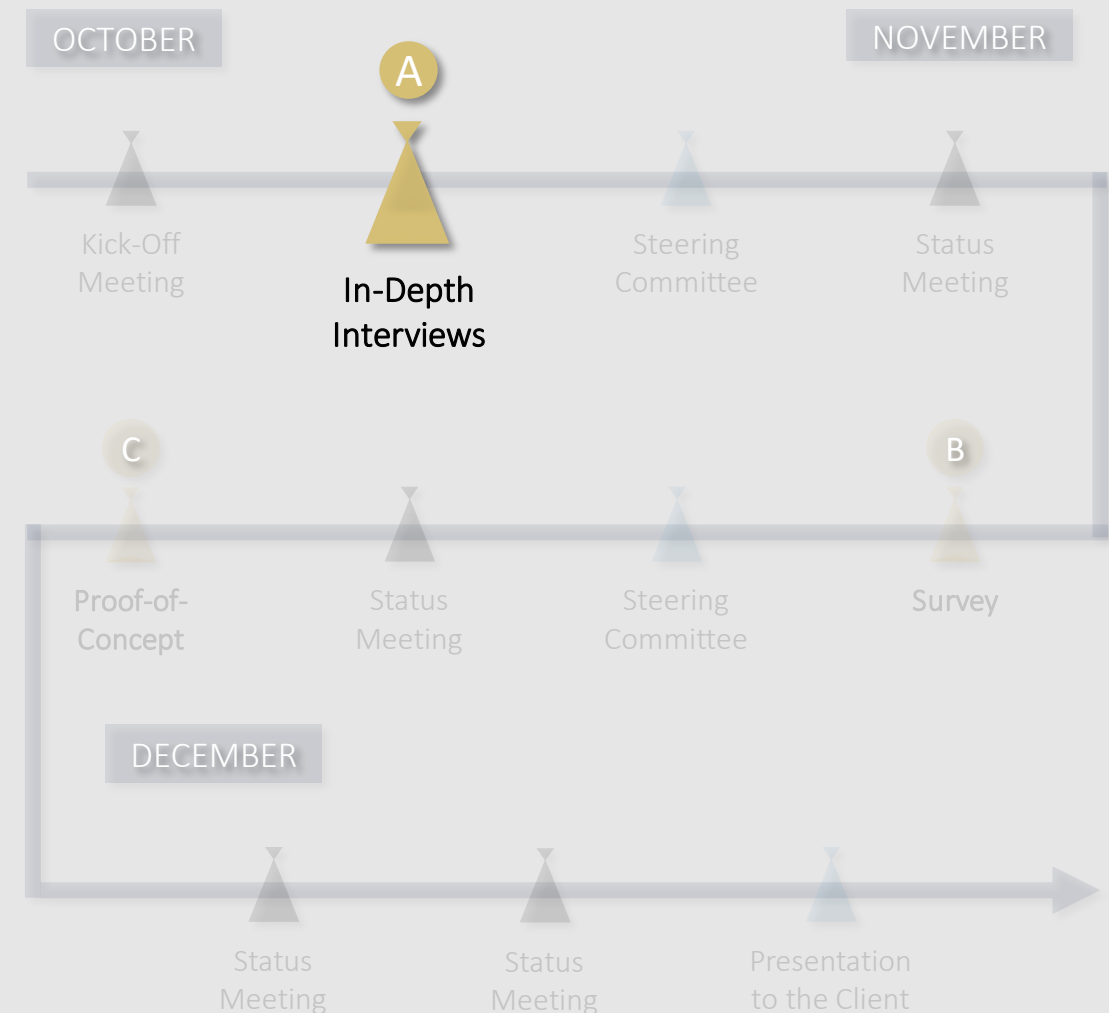
Telephone interviews, with an estimated duration of thirty (30) minutes. Respondents divided according to their life stage and interest in cooking.

Twenty-nine (29) open answer questions organised by sections and in a funnel sequence. The interviewer would allow for the interviewee to answer freely but gently guide towards the subject of the question.

GOALS

- ✓ Understand the impact of cooking desire and age on the consumption of added-value frozen foods
- ✓ Collect insights regarding consumption habits of added-value frozen foods, fish (in general) and Cod (in particular)
- ✓ Evaluate the most popular added-value frozen foods' brands and the overall perception of each of them
- ✓ Explore the consumers' sensitivity to innovation and the impact it can have on brand perception
- ✓ Establish the hypotheses to be tested in the subsequent survey

Table 3: In-Depth Interviews Goals



In the second phase, an online survey was launched, with the goal of collecting data to answer the previously raised hypotheses

## METHODOLOGY | SURVEY



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DESCRIPTION

Questionnaire in online format, with an estimated duration of 10 minutes.  
Respondents divided according to their weight in purchasing decisions within the household.

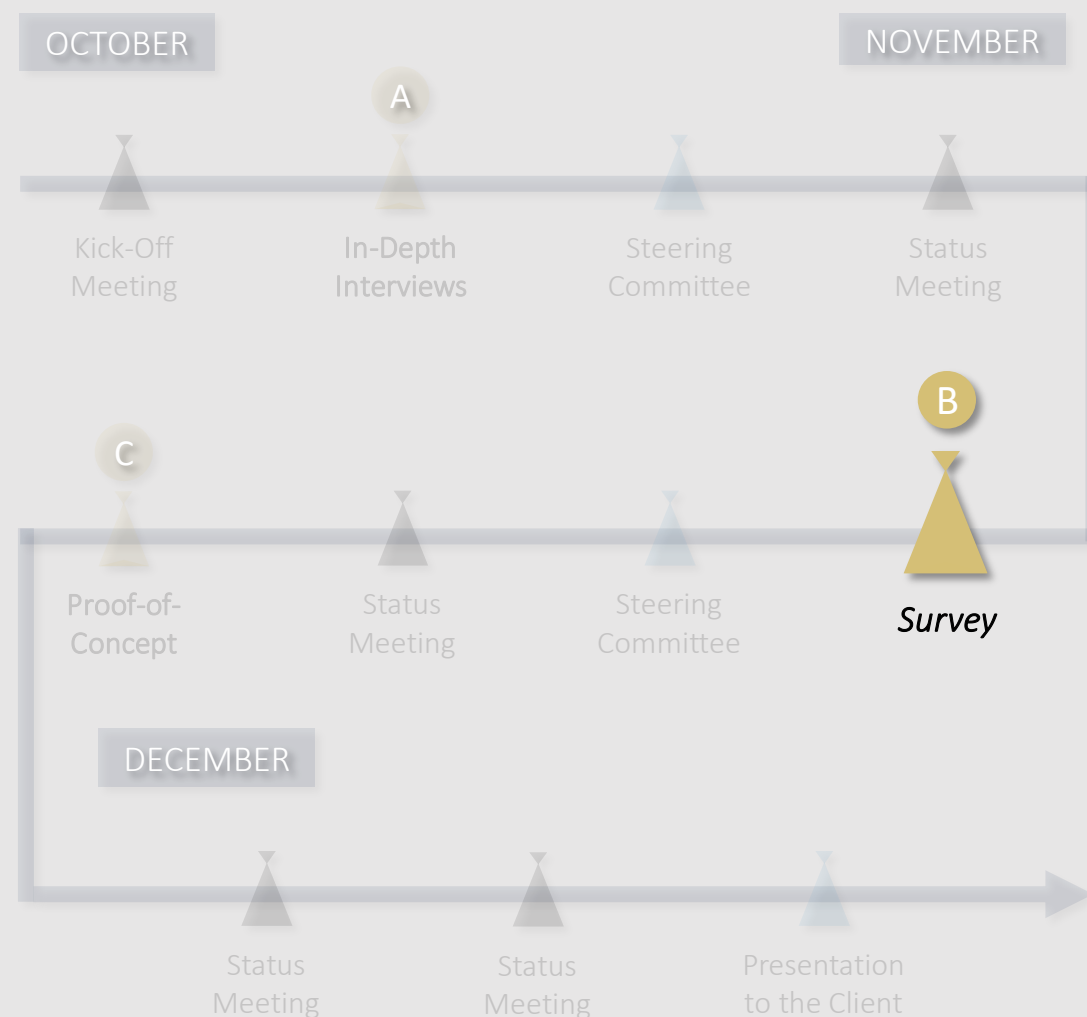
Seventy-eight (78) questions, divided between several logical paths and sections.

Visual questions of comparative choice of products, brands and prices.

GOALS

- ✓ Understand the purchasing and consuming behaviours of added-value frozen foods by the Portuguese population
- ✓ Understand the perceptions regarding some types of fish, especially how they compare to Cod
- ✓ Estimate the market size and evaluate consumers' preferences regarding various conceptual added-value frozen Cod products
- ✓ Assess consumer sensitivity to brand, price and promotion, as well as weighting and nutritional information
- ✓ Determine the impact of factors such as income and age on purchasing behaviour, in order to create homogeneous consumer segments

Table 4: Survey Goals



The last stage of the project consisted of a Proof-of-Concept test, with the goal of clarifying some aspects and broadening the available research data

## METHODOLOGY | PROOF-OF-CONCEPT

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### DESCRIPTION

Quick interviews, conducted outside several supermarkets, using online tools to collect the answers.

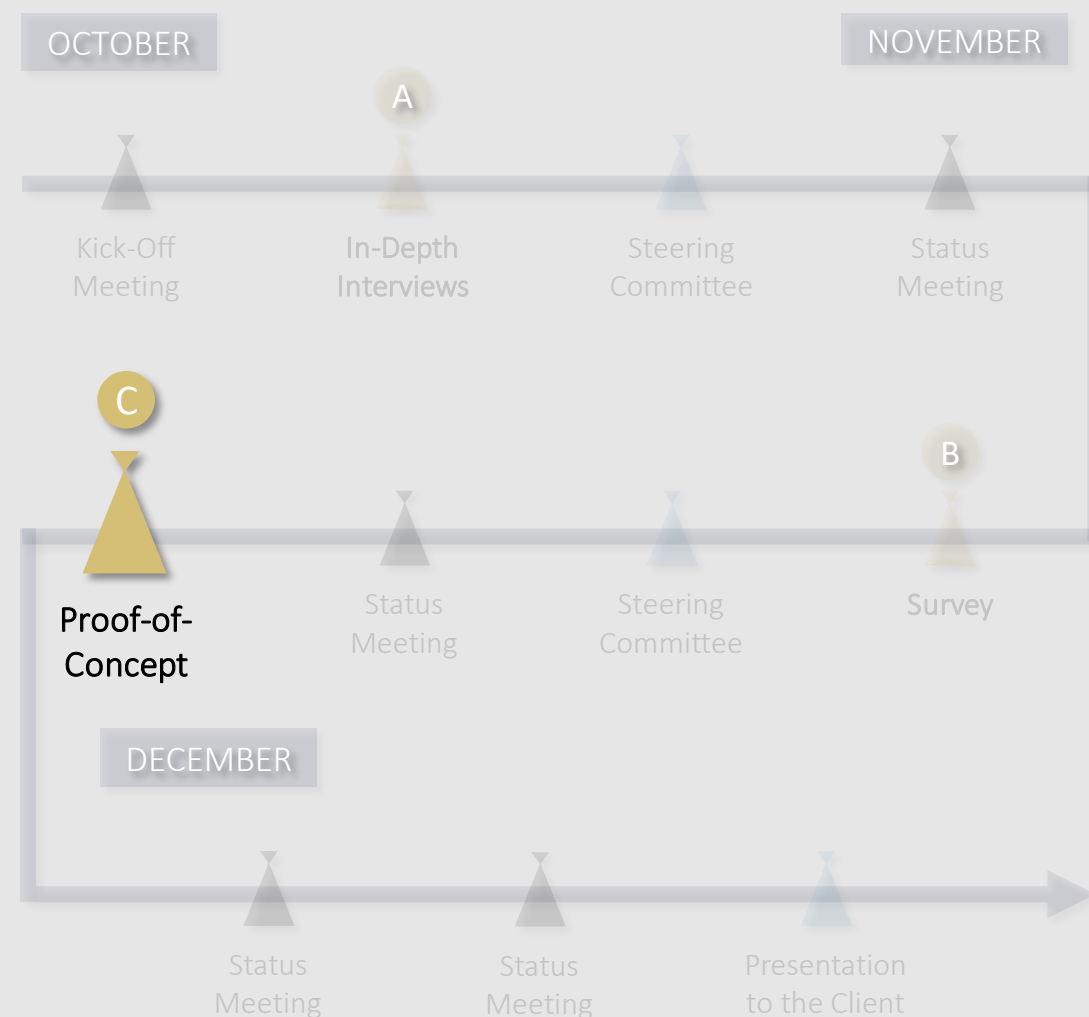
Respondents divided according to their purchasing role, consumption frequency of AVFF products and the presence (or absence) of children in the household.

Thirty-four (34) questions, separated by sections and sequenced in funnel.

### GOALS

- ✓ Deepen the knowledge about buying habits of AVFF products, in order to evaluate some of the previously raised hypotheses
- ✓ Evaluate consumers' opinions regarding selected conceptual added-value frozen Cod products and discover potential improvement points
- ✓ Understand the reasoning that will determine the most appropriate product weighting and capitation
- ✓ Assess the effect of children on the AVFF products purchase choices and consumption habits of parents
- ✓ Determine the most desirable packaging characteristics and understand whether these differ between consumer segments

Table 5: Proof-of-Concept Goals



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# Riberalves is a leading Cod Fish company with innovative background that can find in the AVFF market a new business opportunity



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | DIAGNOSIS

### INTERNAL DIAGNOSIS

- Riberalves is a major player in the Cod Fish industry being Market Leader and a pioneer on the FRTC Cod Fish
- The company has a large production capacity being the world's largest Cod Fish transformer, transforming the raw fish to the packaged ready to sell product
- Riberalves sells B2B2C to Distribution Brands and HORECA and exports to more than 20 countries
- The biggest challenges to Riberalves are: the diversification of portfolio, lack of awareness to the advantages of consuming Cod Fish and the new consumption patterns
- Strong Brand recognition and stable Family Business are the main resources Riberalves uses to create competitive advantage

### EXTERNAL DIAGNOSIS

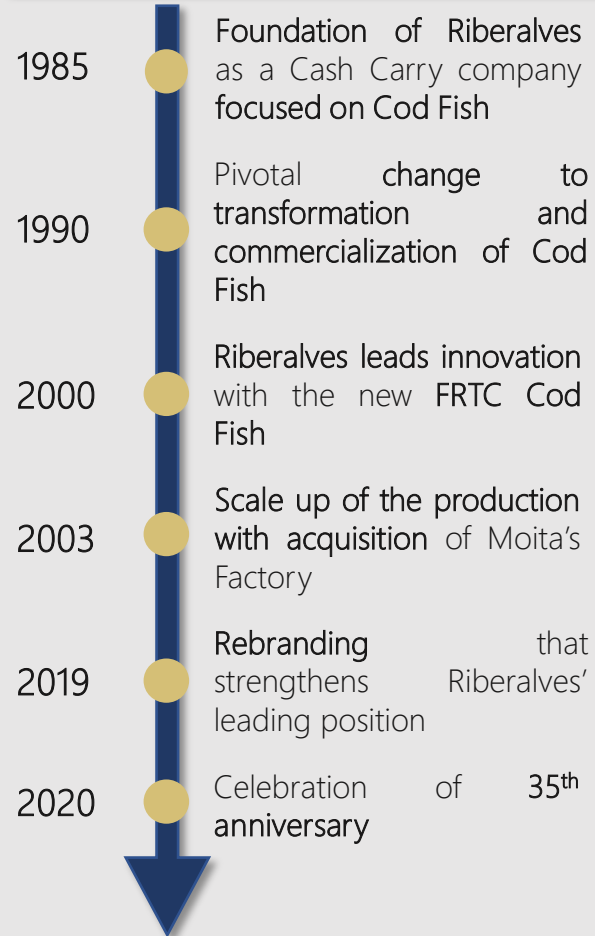
- The AVFF market has been increasing (10% in 2019) and is dominated by two incumbents, Iglo and Pescanova, and two types of products, Fish Fingers and Fillets
- Covid-19 Pandemic has shifted the growing trends of GDP worldwide and has introduced unprecedented restrictions and increased uncertainty namely for HORECA channel
- Growing concerns with sustainability and environment might translate into value for sustainability-certified products
- The AVFF industry has intense competition which hinders the entry of new players and is also highly price-sensitive with low brand loyalty
- Consumers perceive this market as advantageous for its easy and quick-cook products but realize its inferior quality and tendentious unhealthiness

# Riberalves, leveraging on excellence and experience in Cod Fish preparation, became Market Leader with 153M € in Revenue for 2019

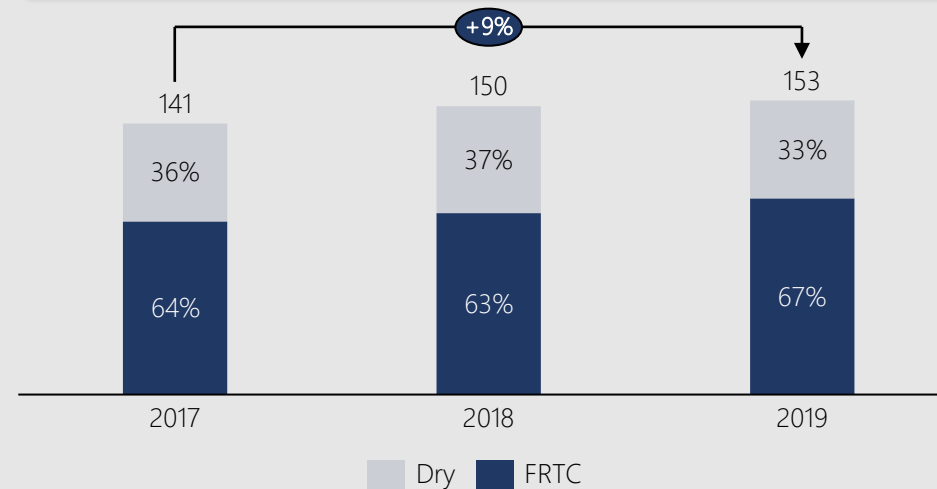


## INTERNAL DIAGNOSIS | COMPANY'S OVERVIEW

GRAPH 1: TIMELINE



GRAPH 2: SALES FRTC VS DRY AND ANNUAL VARIATION (€M)



KEY METRICS

- Decreasing trend in Market Share, especially in Volume
- Market Share for FRTC Cod Fish of 14% in revenue and 11% in Volume for 2019
- Main distribution Channels are Distribution Brands, Exports and HORECA that represent 46%, 22% and 29% of Sales, respectively

RIBERALVES



Family Business



Market Leader in Cod Fish



30k Tons of annual average production



Exporting to 20+ countries



153 M€ in Revenues for 2019

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Factories of Cod Fish transformation



World's Largest Cod Fish transformation factory



450 employees

# Riber Alves has stable international suppliers and well-defined distribution channels to face demand on its high-quality products

## INTERNAL DIAGNOSIS | PRODUCTION PROCESS & MAIN STAKEHOLDERS



### SUPPLIERS

- Riber Alves obtains its **Raw Materials** through partnerships with **Norwegian, Icelandic and Russian** fishing companies
- All **fishing** process is **sustainable** according to international standards

Fishing and First Cut



### COMPANY

- Transforms about **100kT** of **Cod Fish** to **30kT** ready to consume
- All Packaging is also made indoors
- Distribution Channel on its **Online Shop**

Drying, Cutting, Freezing, Pack



### DISTRIBUTION

- **Main Channel** is **Distribution Brands**: **SONAE, Lidl, Intermarché**, among others
- **HORECA** plays a **key role** on distributing Riber Alves to final consumer
- **Brazil and Angola** are the main **international clients**

Transportation B2B2C



### CONSUMERS

- Portugal is the largest fish consumer in the EU and the **largest Cod Fish** consumer worldwide
- Cod Fish is an **essential part** of **Portuguese cuisine**

Final Consumer



# Riber Alves combines a unique positioning in the market with a large scale of production to face the new demand for Cod Fish products



## INTERNAL DIAGNOSIS | SWOT

### STRENGTHS



Successful and traditional **Brand** in the Portuguese Cod Fish industry



World's largest platform of Cod Fish transformation



Family Business



Biggest Brand of FRTC Cod Fish in Portugal



Online Shop with its own distribution channel (HORECA channel)



Pioneer on the creation of FRTC Cod Fish

### OPPORTUNITIES



Misperception of the final consumer relatively to the advantages of Cod Fish comparing to other Fish



FRTC Cod Fish Market **growing** in Revenue (6,5%) and Volume (3.3%)



Inexistence of Cod Fish products to face **new consumption patterns** (quick, practical and convenient)

### WEAKNESSES



Business based solely on Cod Fish with **lack of variety** on Cod Fish products commercialized



Difficulty to reach consumers of younger generations



Brand value associated with **quality** in a commodity market where the consumer decides essentially based on price



Not present in one of the largest Retailers in Portugal (Pingo Doce)

### THREATS



Aggressive Competition on **Price/Promotion** and growth of Distribution Brands



Younger Generations tend to perceive Cod Fish as **unhealthy** and difficult to cook compared to other types of fish



Large offer of alternatives to Cod Fish namely **Salmon and Hake Fish**



# Continuous investment on communication and innovation can be the key for Riberalves' future success



## INTERNAL DIAGNOSIS | TOWS

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STRATEGIES THAT USE **STRENGTHS** TO MAXIMIZE **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Create awareness regarding the advantages of Cod Fish consumption by using its strong Brand and leading position in the market
- Explore the growth of FRTC Cod Fish market leveraging on its large scale of production
- Produce new products more adapted to the new consumption patterns

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STRATEGIES THAT MINIMIZE **WEAKNESSES** USING **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Improve communication to showcase how younger generations needs can be fulfilled with Cod Fish
- Seek an agreement with Pingo Doce to take advantage of the growing trend of the market
- Offer new products to face the lack of variety in the current portfolio

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STRATEGIES THAT USE **STRENGTHS** TO MINIMIZE **THREATS**

- Engage with more consumers through online shopping to decrease the bargaining power of Distribution Brands
- Communicate the **nutritional value** of Cod Fish and the **easiness to prepare** the FRTC product
- **Enlarge the supply** to face larger variety of products of Salmon and Hake

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STRATEGIES THAT MINIMIZE **WEAKNESSES** AVOIDING **THREATS**

- Target communication to younger generations facing the bias of this generation towards Cod Fish
- Enter new markets of other type of fish to diversify the supply
- Bet on the **premium image of the brand** mirroring the superior quality compared to Distribution Brands that compete on Price

# Family business model has built a large operation associated with a strong brand that unlocks future potential



## INTERNAL DIAGNOSIS | RESOURCES & CAPABILITIES





	 Value	 Rare	 Inimitability	 Organized	Result
Strong high-quality Brand	Recognized as the most specialized Brand with the best products	Unparallel quality and awareness in the market	Difficult for competitors to meet premium Brand standards set by Riberlvalves	Current strategy ensures the continuous production of high-quality products	Sustainable Competitive advantage
Large Scale of Efficient production	World's largest transformer of Cod Fish with 35 years of experience	Large Scale of production without rivalry in Portugal	Competitors can aim to achieve Riberlvalves' scale and efficiency	The know-how and factories are key to Riberlvalves' current success	Temporary Competitive advantage
Healthy Product	Riberlvalves works exclusively with low-fat and high-protein Cod Fish products	Competitors also offer Healthy fish consumption products	Competitors also offer Healthy fish consumption products	Riberlvalves intends to continue to offer Cod Fish products	Parity
Communication Strategy	Recent rebranding and investment in Marketing Department	Competitors also invest in communication to generate awareness	All communication channels are available to competitors	Strategy in place to exploit opportunities regarding the bias towards Cod Consumption	Parity
Stable Family Business	Traditional Business model conveys a message of stability and trust	Unique company structure in the market	Building a thriving family business is a length and hard process	Current hierarchy allows quick decision-making process and innovative environment	Sustainable Competitive advantage

Table 6: VRIO Analysis

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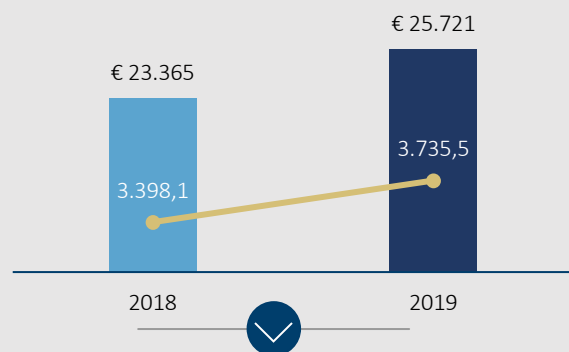
# Fish Fingers and Buttered Fish Fillets represent 80% of a €26M market which witnessed a 10% growth rate in 2019



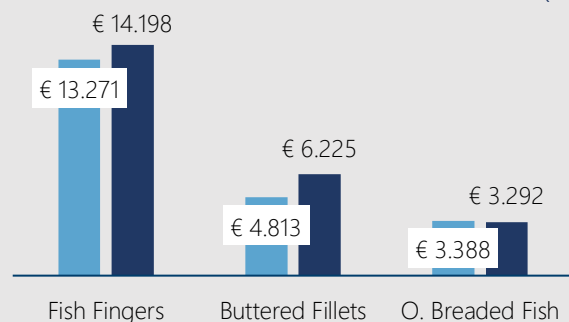
## EXTERNAL ANALYSIS | PORTUGUESE ADDED-VALUE FROZEN FISH MARKET

### ADDED-VALUE FROZEN FISH MARKET

GRAPH 3: VALUE (€K) & VOLUME (ton.)



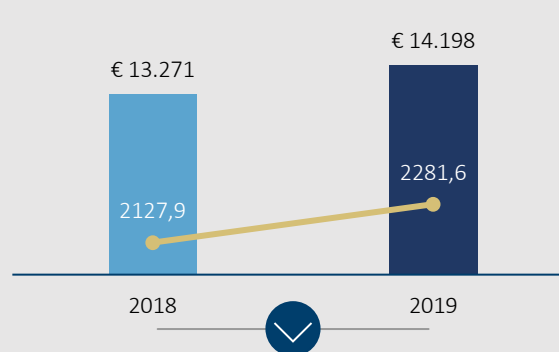
GRAPH 4: VALUE BY MARKET SEGMENT (€K)



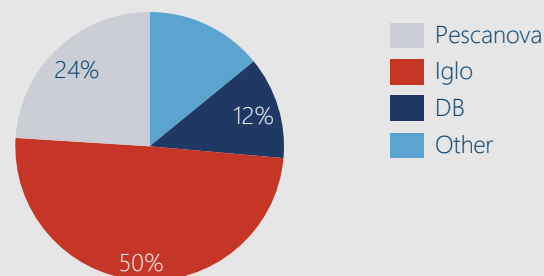
The Portuguese AVFF market grew 10% from 2018 to 2019.

### FISH FINGERS

GRAPH 5: VALUE (€K) & VOLUME (ton.)



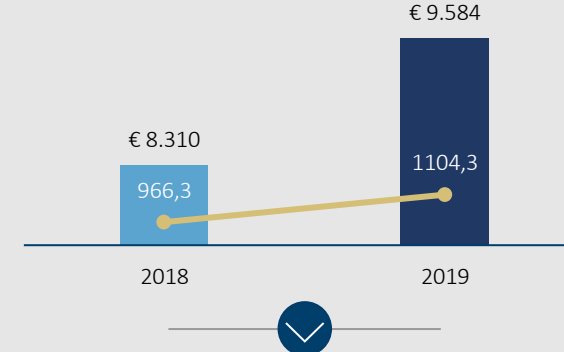
GRAPH 6: MARKET SHARE (Value)



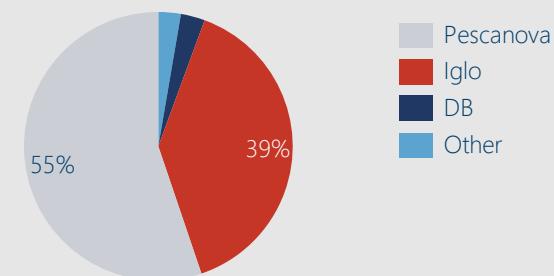
The Fish Fingers' market grew 7% in 2019, led by Iglo who controls 50% of the market.

### BUTTERED FILLETS & OTHER BREADED FISH

GRAPH 7: VALUE (€K) & VOLUME (ton.)



GRAPH 8: MARKET SHARE (Value)



The Fillets' market, controlled by Pescanova with 55% share, grew 15% in 2019.

# Current epidemiological situation is negatively impacting countries worldwide, hence increasing forecasts' uncertainty

## EXTERNAL ANALYSIS | PESTLE



- Portugal's **tax burden** is inferior to EU28's average
- Covid-19 raised uncertainty on International Governmental Institutions (ECB, FED)
- Tension in International Relations (Brexit)



### POLITICAL

- Change in **health concerns** and **consumption** behaviours
- Mobility restrictions due to Covid-19
- Aging Population



### SOCIAL/CULTURAL

- Fishing quotas imposed by EU
- Covid-19 implications will disrupt many signed contracts



### LEGAL

- Negative shift of worldwide **GDP** and **employment**
- Portugal's lower income within European countries
- Low interest rate level targeted by international governmental institutions
- Variation of currency exchange rates



### ECONOMICAL

- Increased capabilities regarding **data collection** and **data analysis**
- Development of **Robotic process automation**
- Social commerce as a new business dilemma
- IoT as a competitive advantage for producers/manufacturers



### TECHNOLOGICAL

- Increased interest over **sustainability** and personal "green footprints"
- Concerns over consumption (veganism)
- Development of **waste disposal and management** practices
- Climate change



### ENVIRONMENTAL

# Industry's potential is reduced due to the high competition, incumbents' concentration and the wide range of different consumption alternatives

## EXTERNAL ANALYSIS | PORTER'S FIVE FORCES



From Porter's Five Force framework, the competitive environment of a given industry can be evaluated regarding five different key drivers of competition. Michael Porter identified the main drivers of profitability, either positive or negative, helping companies to define their organizational strategy.



### THREAT OF NEW ENTRANTS

- Industry's concentration: **High**
- Retaliatory behaviour: **High**
- Access to Distribution channels: **Difficult**
- CAPEX Requirements: **Low**
- Brand Loyalty: **Low**
- Switching Costs: **Low**



MEDIUM-LOW RISK



### THREAT OF SUBSTITUTES

- Demand's pattern shifts: **Low**
- Price elasticity of Demand: **Elastic**
- Substitute's availability: **High**



MEDIUM-HIGH RISK



### BARGAINING POWER OF SUPPLIERS

- Commodity competitiveness: **High**
- Industry's concentration: **Low**
- Availability of substitute goods: **High**
- Suppliers' capacity to price discriminate: **Low**



LOW RISK



### BARGAINING POWER OF BUYERS

- Price Sensitivity: **High**
- Availability of substitute goods: **High**
- Buyers' concentration: **Low**
- Acquisition's volume: **Low**
- Brand Loyalty: **Low**
- Switching costs: **Low**



HIGH RISK



### COMPETITIVE RIVALRY

- Product's differentiation: **Low**
- Switching Costs: **Low**
- Industry's concentration: **High**
- Incumbents' number: **Low**
- Industry's growth: **High**
- Exit barriers: **Medium**
- Fixed costs: **Low**



HIGH RISK



# Consumers consider the speed and easiness of preparation the strongest point of these type of frozen products

## EXTERNAL ANALYSIS | CONSUMERS' PERSPECTIVES

### EASINESS AND SPEED

Being easy and rapid are the main reasons why people consume these products.

*"I don't have the time and patience. It goes to the oven and it's ready in no time, effortlessly."*



### RESERVE CAPACITY

Being these products frozen, they might be conserved for longer periods, being used whenever there are no fresh alternatives.

*"I always have these products in case I have no time to cook"*

*"Always have a reserve, in case I don't have anything fresh"*



### CHILDREN CONSUMPTION

These products are associated with child consumption as parents find these solutions a tasteful manner to give fish to their children.

*"It is not as tasteful as fresh, but reminds me my childhood"*

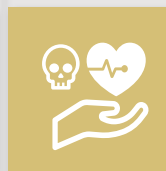
*"They are targeted to young people or to those who have children"*



### UNHEALTHINESS

Consumers consider these products as less healthy due to their fried nature and the suspicion about these products productive process.

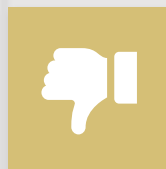
*"I do not eat those products because they are fried, therefore less healthy."*



### INFERIOR QUALITY

The inferior quality is a factor consumers attribute to these products due to the process they are subjected to, compared to the fresh ones.

*"These products do not have so much quality and certainly they contain more additives and food preservatives"*



### LESS TASTEFUL

Consumers' negatively regard these products' tastiness because they consider these frozen products less tasteful.

*"They do not have as many quality and flavour"*

*"They are not as good as the fresh ones, worse taste and unhealthy"*



# AGENDA

- A. Executive Summary
- B. Methodology
- C. Internal Diagnosis
- D. External Diagnosis
- E. Analysis
- F. Recommendations
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With the help of several investigation methods, the team was able to create and analyse six different hypotheses, divided among 3 categories



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | ANALYSIS

THE PROJECT’S ANALYSIS CONSISTED IN FOUR MAJOR STEPS




-  **22 In-Depth Interviews**, aiming at broadening the teams’ perception about the subject of the project
-  **Online Survey with 419 respondents**, with the goal of determining AVF Cod Fish Conceptual Products preferences
-  **Proof-of-Concept Test with a reduced sample** (55) in order to clarify some points on selected products
-  **Analyse the collected data**, and answer the hypotheses created through the Issue Tree

WHY SHOULD RIBERALVES INNOVATE ITS COD OFFER?

EXTERNAL

-  Market share decline from the main Cod players
-  AVF segment’s demands for quality increasing
-  Increasing competition in the Cod Industry

INTERNAL

-  Riberalves is not reaching key customer segments
-  Strong supply chain and network of partners
-  Evolving and adapting Brand

MAIN HIPOTHESIS

CHALLENGE	HYPOTHESES	ANALYSIS OUTCOME
Product	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should Riberalves adapt the existing products in the AVFF market to the Cod Fish protein?</li> <li>Should Riberalves introduce traditional Portuguese products?</li> </ol>	Riberalves does not have in its portfolio similar products to the ones existing in the AVFF market. Leveraging the Portuguese gastronomical culture, Riberalves could innovate by also bringing traditional products to a frozen format.
Packaging	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should Riberalves introduce new elements valued by segment’s consumers?</li> <li>Should Riberalves use its packaging as a targeting technique for childish consumers?</li> </ol>	Riberalves, through the introduction of new packaging elements, could attract new consumers. In order to do this, Riberalves must have a deep understanding of the target audience. On the other hand, Child-Friendly Packaging is neglectable.
Pricing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should Riberalves adopt a more competitive price to compete on a duopoly segment?</li> <li>Should Riberalves advice the adoption of a discount strategy adapted to the new segments where it will start competing?</li> </ol>	Riberalves should alter its current pricing strategy over the Dried and FRTC Cod Fish segments as well as adopt a strong discount strategy. By doing so, Riberalves could supply innovative products with a price in-line with its competitors’.

# The interviews revealed a contrast between the high brand awareness and low brand commitment from consumers towards Riberalves

## ANALYSIS | IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS

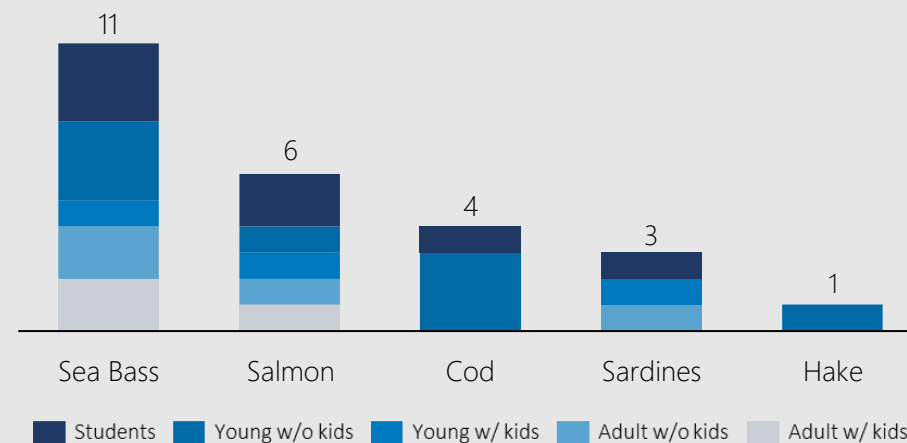


### DISTRIBUTION

LIFE STAGE	DESCRIPTION	ENJOYS COOKING	SPEED & COMODITY	TOTAL
STUDENTS	Portuguese students living alone or sharing a flat; budget restrictions	2	2	4
YOUNG W/O KIDS	Young workers living alone; stable employment; no children	3	3	6
YOUNG W/ KIDS	Young workers, living alone or in couple, with children; stable employment	2	1	3
ADULTS W/O KIDS	Adult workers living alone or in couple; stable employment; no children	2	1	3
ADULTS W/ KIDS	Adult workers living alone or in couple, with children; stable employment	3	3	6

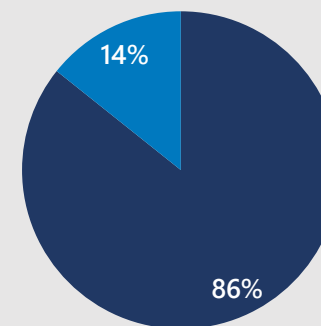
Table 8: In-depth Interviews

### GRAPH 9: PERCEPTION OF HEALTHIEST FISH



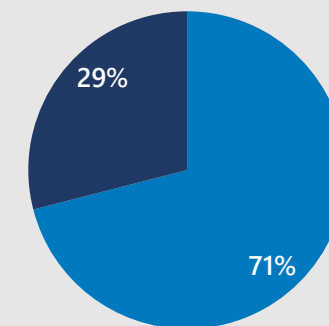
### RIBERALVES' BRAND AWARENESS & BRAND COMMITMENT

Q: "Do you recognise the brand "Riberalves"?"



Graph 10: Riberalves' Brand Awareness

Q: "Have you ever purchased a Riberalves' product?"



Graph 11: Riberalves' Brand Commitment

### FROZEN FOOD CONSUMPTION MOTIVATIONS

### FROZEN FOOD PURCHASE MOTIVATIONS



Easy-To-Cook  
47%



Speed  
27%



Low Price  
13%



Price / Discounts  
50%



Packaging  
41%



Brand  
18%

# The Survey focused on university students and workers and confirmed the importance of discount factor and the perception of Cod Fish as less healthy

## ANALYSIS | SURVEY



### DISTRIBUTION

LIFE STAGE	LIVING ALONE	NOT LIVING ALONE	SHOPPER	CONSUMER	TOTAL
STUDENTS	41	159	93	107	200
WORKER STUDENT	11	30	22	19	41
WORKER	32	121	109	44	153
UNEMPLOYED	2	9	9	2	11
RETIRED	3	11	10	4	14
TOTAL	89	330	243	176	419

Table 9: Survey

### AVF FOOD SHOPPING & CONSUMPTION



Importance of children as a reason to purchase of pre-cook



Iglo and Distribution Brands are the Top-of-Mind Brands



Pizzas and Fish Fingers are the most consumed products

#### MAIN REASONS TO BUY

40% - Convenience  
20% - Reserve  
18% - Promotion

#### MAIN REASONS NOT TO BUY

38% - Unhealthy  
27% - Preference for Non-Frozen  
18% - Inferior quality

#### RELEVANCE OF NUTRICIONAL

#### INFO AND % OF PROTEIN

61% - Irrelevant  
39% - Relevant

#### DISCOUNT FACTOR

66% - Yes  
19% - Unknown

### METHODOLOGY



Separation Shopper  
vs Consumers

Only Shoppers answered  
to this section

Several prototypes were given to be  
choose aiming to test demand

### FISH CONSUMPTION



Salmon, Tuna and Cod are the most consumed fish  
being health and taste the main causes for consumption



Cod Fish is the one perceived as the least healthy, lack of  
Practicality and Price key concerns for no consumption

# Through a simulation of a shopping experience, several prototypes and the price and Discount effects were evaluated

## ANALYSIS | SURVEY

### PROTOTYPE SHOPPING SIMULATION

#### PROTOTYPE CHOICE

Survey proposed seven prototypes questioning which **ones** would the inquired buy.

48% - Breaded Fillets

37% - Fish Fingers

36% - Patties / Croquettes



#### PROTEIN CHOICE

Five to six fish, meat or vegan choices for each of the prototypes previously chosen. Cod was always an option.

##### TOP PROTEIN CHOICES

93% - Cod fish for fritters

41% - Meat for patties

36% - Hake for fish fingers

83% - Meat for Breaded Fillets

Trend to choose of products that already exist

#### SHOPPING DECISION WITH PRICE

After also choosing capitations, shopping decision among several choices that differed in Brand and Price.

##### RESULTING MARKET SHARE

43% - Private Label 14% - Iglo

29% - Pescanova 11% - Riber Alves

Mkt Share ranking meets the order from cheapest to the most expensive



#### SHOPPING DECISION W/ DISCOUNT

Same shopping situation but with different prices thanks to Discount Strategy.

##### RESULTING MARKET SHARE

33% - Pescanova 15% - Private Label

25% - Riber Alves 14% - Iglo/Pascoal

Discount Factor completely changes the Market Share ranking



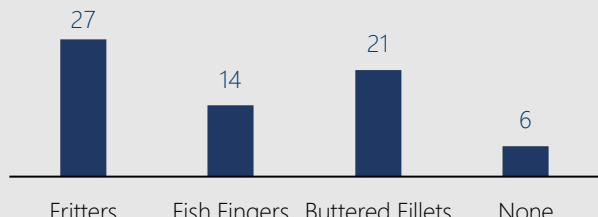

To solidify the insights about a specific demographic group and its perceptions and consuming motivations, 55 interviews were conducted





## ANALYSIS | PROOF-OF-CONCEPT

DISTRIBUTION	GROUP	DESCRIPTION	W/ MINOR CHILDREN	WOMEN	MEN	TOTAL
	18-24	Students living (or not) with parents; Recent graduates joining the job market; No children	0	4	0	4
	25-35	Individuals with/without children; Lower level of expenses; Budget restrictions	6	9	8	17
	36-55	Individuals with/without children; Stable financial situation; High level of expenses	12	15	11	26
	56+	Individuals without minor children; Stable financial situation; High level of expenses	0	6	2	8

Table 10: Proof-of-Concept

PACKAGING INSIGHTS			
TRANSPARENCY	65% - Positive	CHILD PACKAGE	16% - Positive
	28% - Negative		79% - Negative
	7% - Indifferent		5% - Indifferent
MATERIAL	76% - Card	WEIGHT	16% - Important
	13% - Plastic		80% - Irrelevant
	11% - Indifferent		4% - €/kg

MAIN RESULTS	AVFF FISH CONSUMPTION 54% - 1-3x a week	AVFF FISH CONSUMPTION 75% - Single person	USE AVFF PRODUCTS TO GIVE FISH TO CHILDREN 79% - Yes	USE AVFF PRODUCTS TO GIVE FISH TO CHILDREN NOT LIKING FISH 80% - Yes
	20% - <1 a week	62% - No children	21% - No	20% - No
	19% - 0x a week	93% - With children		
	GRAPH 12: COD PROTOTYPES		COD PROTOTYPES QUANTS	
				

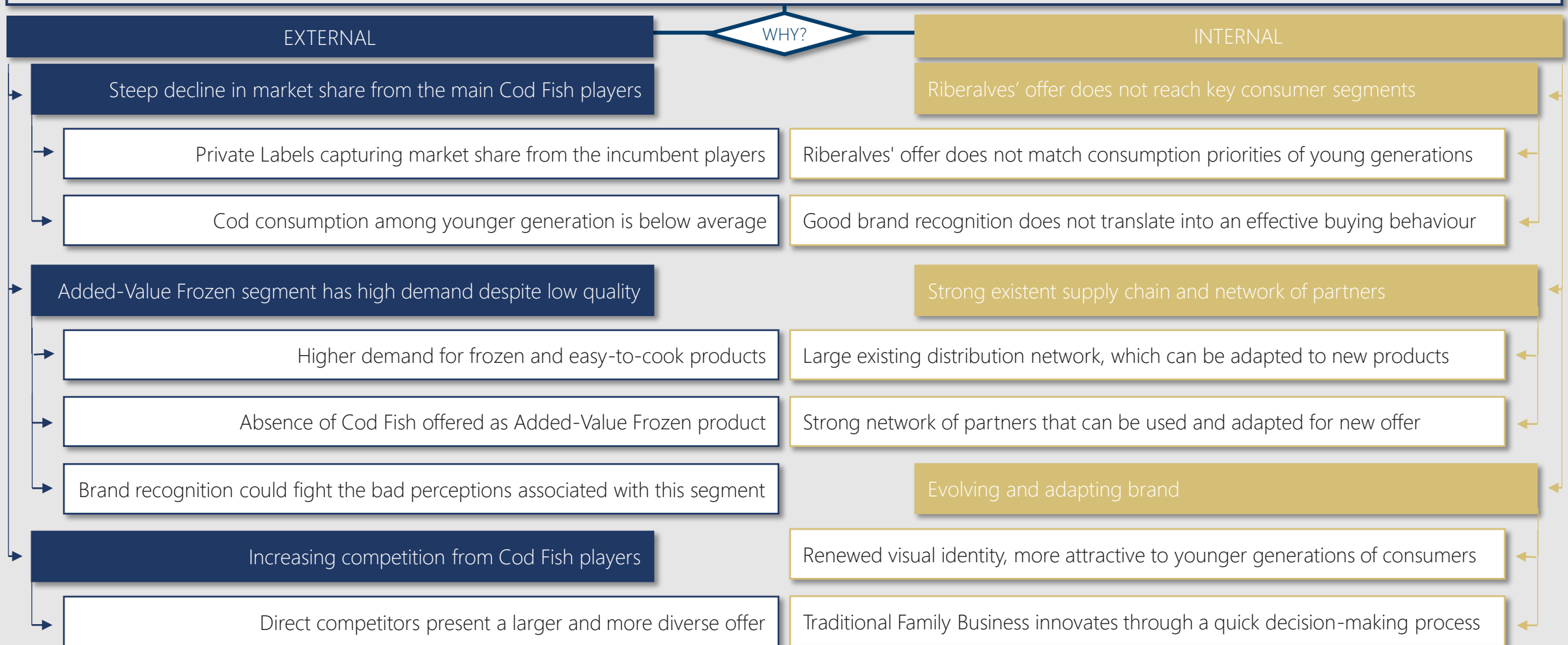
CONCLUSIONS	
	AVFF products are <b>most demanded</b> by families with <b>minor children</b>
	The average Portuguese consumer <b>eats AVFF</b> products between <b>1 and 3 times a week</b>
	<b>Fritters and Fillets</b> were the favorite prototypes
	<b>Riber Alves</b> was <b>chosen 17%</b> against the industry's incumbents

# Riber Alves operates in a complex and dynamic market where innovation is crucial in order to continue to be a leading brand



## ANALYSIS | DEDUCTIVE REASONING

### SHOULD RIBER ALVES INNOVATE IN ITS COD FISH OFFER?



Riberalves should innovate its offer, leveraging its brand power. Packaging, product and price are the fields that it needs to cover

## ANALYSIS | INDUCTIVE REASONING

### SHOULD RIBERALVES INNOVATE IN ITS COD FISH OFFER?

#### PRODUCT

Adapting the existing products in the AVFF market to the Cod Fish protein

Introducing traditional Portuguese products to the AVFF market

HOW?

#### PACKAGING

Introducing elements valued by the segment's consumers

Creating a product packaging with characteristics that get closer to kids

#### PRICE

Adopting a pricing strategy capable of being competitive and satisfying Riberalves' needs

Advising a discount strategy adapted to this new market segment



# Riberalves should analyse the Portuguese AVFF consumption patterns and competitors' strategies in order to be successful with its new products



## ANALYSIS | HYPOTHESES

ISSUE	SUB ISSUE	HYPOTHESIS	ANALYSIS
PRODUCT	Should Riberalves adapt the existing products in the AVFF market to the Cod Fish protein?	<b>Yes.</b> Riberalves does not have in its portfolio similar products to the ones existing in the AVFF market - of rapid and easy preparation capable of satisfying the needs of a significant share of the Portuguese consumers. If these products were adapted to the Cod Fish protein, they could generate a relevant revenue stream for Riberalves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyse Survey's Responses</li> <li>- Benchmark Competitors' products portfolio</li> <li>- Benchmark International AVFF Cod Fish Supply</li> <li>- Analyse Proof-of-Concept Responses</li> </ul>
	Should Riberalves introduce traditional Portuguese products?	<b>Yes.</b> Leveraging the Portuguese gastronomical culture, Riberalves could innovate by bringing traditional products to a frozen format.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyse Survey's Responses</li> <li>- Benchmark Competitors' products portfolio</li> <li>- Analyse Proof-of-Concept Responses</li> </ul>
PACKAGING	Should Riberalves introduce new elements valued by the segment's consumers?	<b>Yes.</b> Riberalves, through the introduction of new packaging elements, could attract new consumers and value the existing demand, while educating consumers about the Cod fish consumption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyse Survey's Responses</li> <li>- Study Competitors' strategies</li> <li>- Literature Review</li> </ul>
	Should Riberalves use its packaging as a targeting technique for childish consumers?	<b>Yes.</b> Riberalves could get closer to the families with minor children whose consumption habits are heavily influenced by the type of packaging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyse Survey's Responses</li> <li>- Benchmark Packaging Best Practices</li> <li>- Analyse Proof-of-Concept Responses</li> </ul>
PRICE	Should Riberalves adopt a more competitive price to compete on a duopoly segment?	<b>Yes.</b> Riberalves should alter its current pricing strategy over the Dried and Ready to Cook Frozen Cod Fish segments. By doing so, Riberalves could supply innovative products with a price in-line with its competitors'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyse Survey's Responses</li> <li>- Benchmark Competitors' pricing strategies</li> </ul>
	Should Riberalves adopt a discount strategy adapted to the new segments where it will start competing?	<b>Yes.</b> Riberalves should explore the discount factor as this represents one of the major purchasing boosters in the Portuguese AVFF market. Therefore, it is essential to determine the frequency and weight of the discounts used in Riberalves' products, using competitors' discount strategies as benchmark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyse Survey's Responses</li> <li>- Benchmark Competitors' discount strategies</li> </ul>



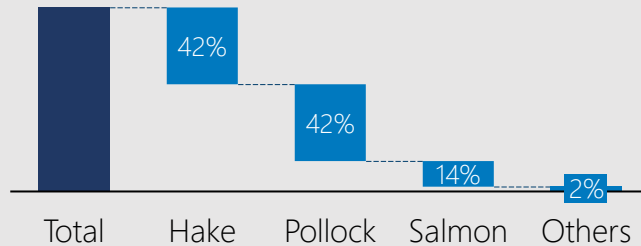
# Fillets and Fish Fingers show up to be key products at a national level and in the UK, where these products have Cod Fish as protein



## ANALYSIS | PRODUCT | HYPOTHESIS 1

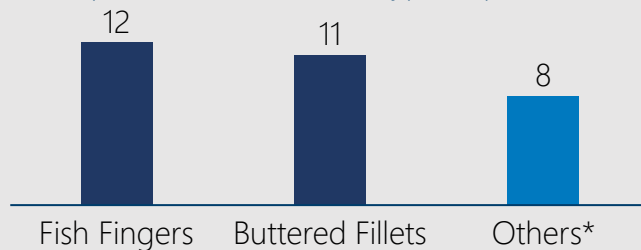
### BENCHMARK OF PORTUGUESE AVFF MARKET

Graph 14: Most common Fish in AVFF Market



Market dominated by Hake and Pollock where **there isn't a Cod Fish product**

Graph 15: Most common type of product



There are several products in the market, but the Fish Fingers and **Buttered Fillets stand out**

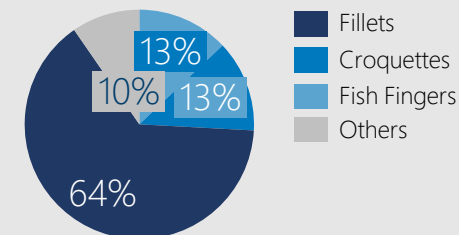
Iglo and Pescanova control this market in Portugal and have been betting on Fish Fingers and Buttered Fillets. These two products have the biggest variety in the market and generate the **biggest value and volume**.

### BENCHMARK OF UK AVF COD FISH MARKET



UK is one of the **largest Cod Consumers** in Europe consuming on average 1,8 kg per capita and has Cod as part of a national dish, Fish & Chips. Moreover, it has a **diverse AVF Cod Fish market**

Graph 16: Most common type of product



Fillets, both **Buttered and Breaded**, present a large variety of products with **many different recipes**

By analyzing UK's market for AVF Cod Fish, there's a myriad of products that **don't exist in Portugal** with Cod as protein. This presents an **opportunity** as Riber Alves intends to **outsource the production of the new products**.

# Having Riberalves tried the Pastels segment, there are still options for Portuguese cuisine products

## ANALYSIS | PRODUCT | HYPOTHESIS 2



### PRODUCTS OF PORTUGUESE GASTRONOMY



#### *Pastéis de Bacalhau* – Pastels

Famous specialty of fried Cod Fish with Potatoes



Major Specialty of Portuguese Cuisine



Riberalves already introduced this product



Results have been a disappointment



Reasons to unsucces were the need to fry the pastels and the lack of premium quality



#### *Pataniscas* – Fritters

Traditional Fried Cod Fish with Egg and Parsley



#### *Rissóis* – Patties

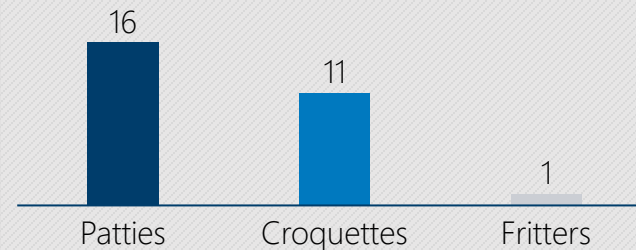
Small cake typically cooked with shrimp or meat



#### *Croquetes* – Croquettes

Small fried cylinder filled with meat

Graph 17: Number of Products in the market

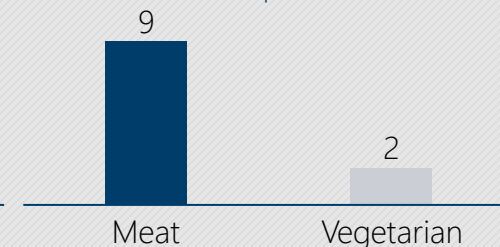


Graph 18: Protein Distribution for Patties



The only Fritters product is Cod Fish based and is supplied by Pingo Doce

Graph 19: Protein Distribution for Croquettes



Only one product of Fritters in the market nowadays, which is offered by a Private Label

Diversified offer for Patties for its traditional ways of being cooked, Meat and Shrimp

Almost exclusively meat-based offer for Croquettes with no Fish-based product

# After merging the two hypothesis, these were tested by the survey and by the proof-of-concept

## ANALYSIS | PRODUCT | HYPOTHESES 1 & 2

### HYPOTHESIS OF AVFF PRODUCTS TO BE TESTED IN THE SURVEY



Fritters



Patties



Croquettes



Fish Fingers



Burger



Buttered Fillets



Breaded Fillets

These three products are known to the Portuguese and, either they are associated with Cod Fish and have almost no presence in the market (Fritters) or they aren't typically consumed with Cod Fish but for each there can be room for innovation (Patties and Croquettes).

These four products aren't traditional of the Portuguese cuisine but are widely consumed by the Portuguese but with different types of fish or meat. Additionally, they are present in the international market with Cod Fish, proving the feasibility of the product

By putting these seven prototypes together and presenting them to be chosen in the survey, the demand was tested to understand which ones would be more popular. Also, the goal was to assess which ones have more acceptance when made with Cod Fish. The results were evaluated considering multiple factors aiming at understand the reasoning and patterns regarding the most chosen prototypes and what were their protein choices

# From the survey analysis Fritters, Fillets and Fish Fingers stand out from the seven initial hypothesis

## ANALYSIS | PRODUCT | HYPOTHESES 1 & 2

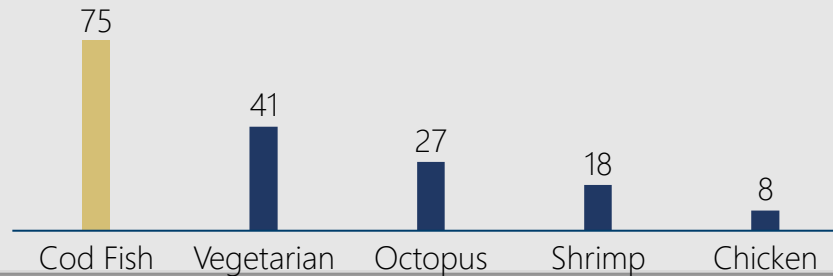
### PROTOTYPE

### GRAPHS 20, 21 & 22: KEY METRICS - SURVEY



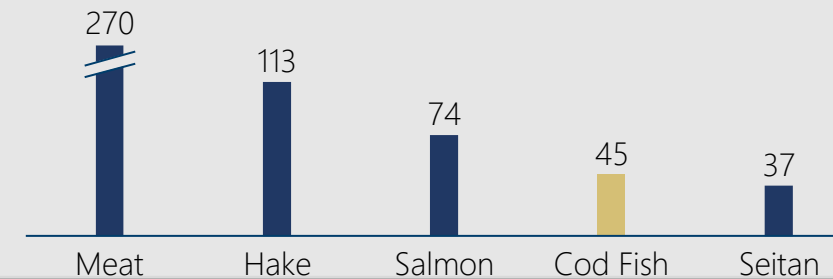
Fritters

- # Chosen by 81 respondents
- % 93% chose Cod Fish as a protein
- More popular in the age range 36-55
- Popular among families



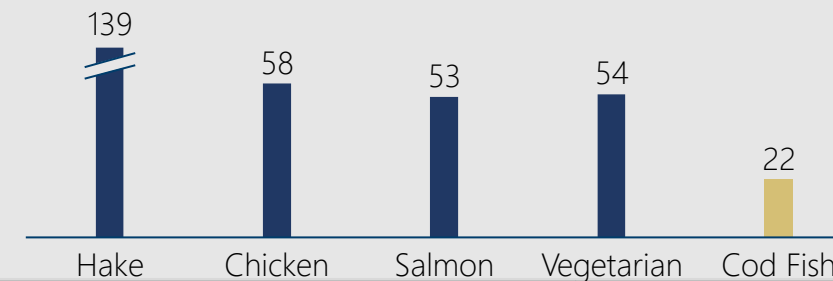
Breaded/Buttered Fillets

- # Top choice in the survey (228)
- % 20% chose Cod Fish as a protein
- More popular in the age range 18-24
- Associated to Meat proteins



Fish Fingers

- # The most chosen AVFF product (155)
- % 14% chose Cod Fish as a protein
- Strongly associated with Hake Fish
- Popular among families



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ Bias to choose proteins typically associated to the chosen products
- ✓ Fritters are strongly associated to Cod Fish and, thus, this prototype had the best results
- ✓ Fillets (Breaded and Buttered) revealed a strong demand for Cod Fish.
- ✓ Fish Finger, typically not associated with Cod, had a surprising positive answer, although behind other fish options

# Proof-of-concept provides additional insight regarding the top chosen prototypes from the survey

## ANALYSIS | PRODUCT | HYPOTHESES 1 & 2



Aiming at confirm and test the prototypes that had the best results in the survey and to overcome some limitations, the Proof-of-Concept consisted in 55 random interviews to assess which ones of the three prototypes would be chosen and the reasoning behind that decision



### FRITTERS

Confirmed as the top choice for Cod Fish prototypes: 27 out of 55 interviewees



Liking Cod Fish and Fritters presented as the main causes for choosing



Popularity among families confirmed



Product with very small market presence but with high perceived demand



### PROOF-OF-CONCEPT ANALYSING THE PROTOTYPES

#### BREADED FILLETS



Second most chosen prototype: 21 out of 55



Liking Cod Fish and Innovation pointed out as the main causes



Demand confirmed in a market dominated by Hake



### FISH FINGERS



Less chosen: 14 out of 55



Innovation answered as the reason behind this choice, showing curiosity



Product that leads the AVFF market in Portugal with great variety of choices (high competition)

An analysis regarding capitations was made both on the survey and the proof-of-concept and showed the trend to buy for 1 / 2 meals

## ANALYSIS | PRODUCT | HYPOTHESES 1 & 2

### BENCHMARK

#### FRITTERS

# OF PRODUCTS

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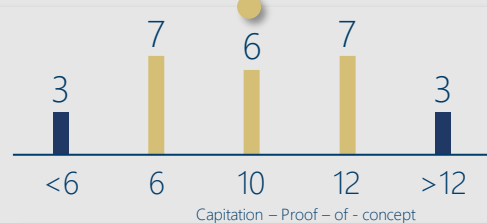
DB

4 UND



Lack of offer for Fritters in the market made a benchmark analysis impossible

Graph 24: Fritters' Capitations



Answers when compared with the size of the family point out to capitations for 1 or 2 meals

#### FILLETS

# OF PRODUCTS

11

DB

4 UND



2 UND



4 UND

12 UND

Graph 25: Fillet's Capitations



Answers for both studies indicate **higher capitations** than what exists in the market

#### FISH FINGERS

# OF PRODUCTS

12

DB

4 UND



10 UND

12 UND

15 UND

30 UND

50 UND



10 UND

15 UND

30 UND

40 UND

Graph 26: Fish Fingers' Capitations



Answers point out to **more intermediary capitations** when compared to what the market offers nowadays

### SURVEY AND PROOF-OF-CONCEPT ANALYSIS



# Designing the new packaging requires a deep understanding of the target, which will be combined with the company's packaging standards



## ANALYSIS | PACKAGING | HYPOTHESES 3 & 4

### FOOD PACKAGING DESIGN PROCESS

#### 1 DEFINE THE TARGET

A **deep analysis regarding the target customer groups for the product** is critical in order to understand the features that they value the most (e.g., materials, colours, package size). It is also important to **be aligned with the retailers' requirements**, which is, ultimately, the seller.

Using the collected data, the group identified **3 main targets for the products**, in result of their increased consumption of added-value frozen food products:

- 1. College Students:** over 76% of the students from the survey indicate that they eat frozen food at least once meal per week
- 2. Adults with Children:** regular consumption of frozen food, enhanced by having children at their care (71% consume at least one frozen food meal a week)
- 3. Young Childless Workers:** lower frequency of consumption (only 57% consumes frozen food at least once a week), but can be captivated if presented with a healthier alternative

#### 2 DETERMINE THE DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS - COMPANY

As a starting point, there is the need to define, together with Riber Alves, the **fundamental and unchangeable principles that must be present in the new packaging proposal**.

The first one is **the logo, which must correspond to the renewed one**, used across the entire product portfolio of the company. The second requirement is the **absence of a transparent window**, as there is, according to Riber Alves, a high potential, on this type of products, of loose ingredients in the box, damaging the image of the product (and of the company).

There is, however, some clear space given to innovate on the packaging design, particularly since these products will represent Riber Alves' entrance in a whole new market and targeted to new customer segments, making, therefore, sense to highlight this product from the remaining line of products. There is also the need to stand out from the competition, especially due to the highly competitive and saturated nature of this market.

# A carton package, with focus on sustainability and the handmade factor will make the new products more desirable for the target customers

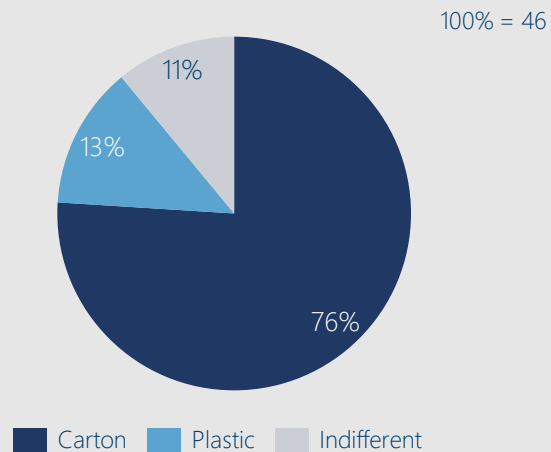
## ANALYSIS | PACKAGING | HYPOTHESES 3 & 4

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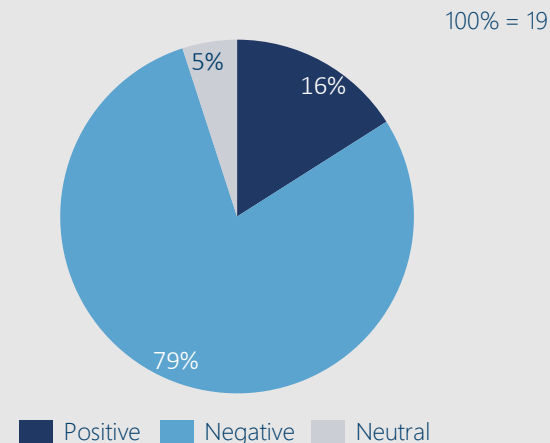
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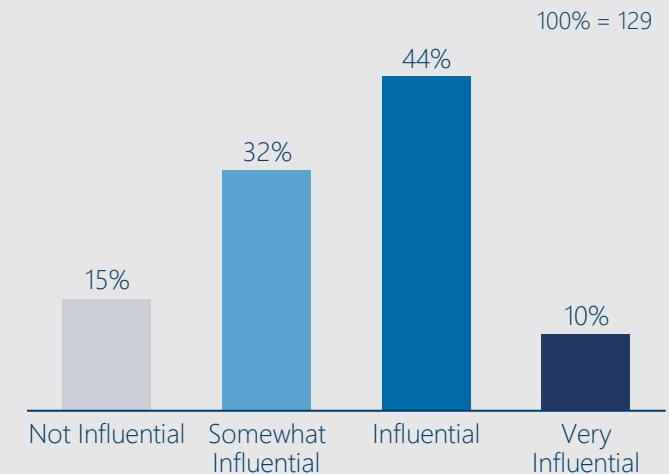
GRAPH 27: MATERIAL



GRAPH 28: KID-FRIENDLY PACKAGING



GRAPH 29: SERVING SUGGESTION



### SUSTAINABILITY

"By creating packages that demonstrate sustainability in a visually recognizable way, managers and designers may positively influence the perceived quality of their food products." *Magnier et al (2016)*

"Graphic aspects of packaging design also implicitly communicate sustainability, and these can often be more deliberately designed to signal sustainability."

*Sttenis et al (2017)*



### "MADE WITH LOVE"

"We find that participants evaluate products marketed as handmade more positively than either products described as machine-made."

*Fuchs et al (2015)*

The team analysed some of the industry's best practices and used the most important findings in the development of the proposed packaging

## ANALYSIS | PACKAGING | HYPOTHESES 3 & 4

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### ANALYSE PACKAGING BEST PRACTICES



#### "EDIÇÃO ESPECIAL – ESCOLHA DO PESCADOR"

- ✓ Material and packaging colour clearly give an image of sustainability
- ✓ Previously produced, hence easier to adapt and produce in-house
- ✓ Non-industrial production look, with hand-drawn elements

#### DOURADINHOS ("FISH FINGERS")

- ✓ Visible and well-evidenced cooking instructions and preparation times
- ✓ Product raw protein highlighted on the front of the package
- ✓ MSC certification present, attributing an additional value to the product

#### VEGETAL PROTEIN BURGERS

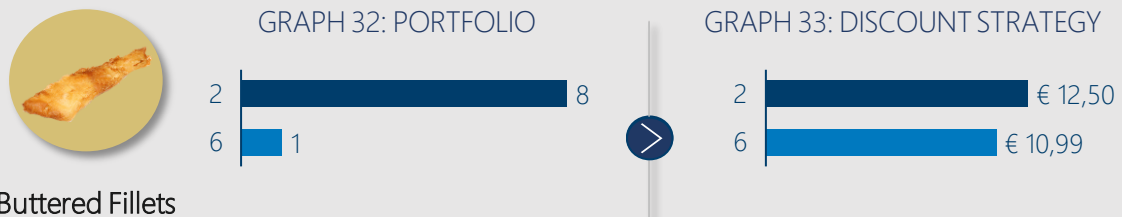
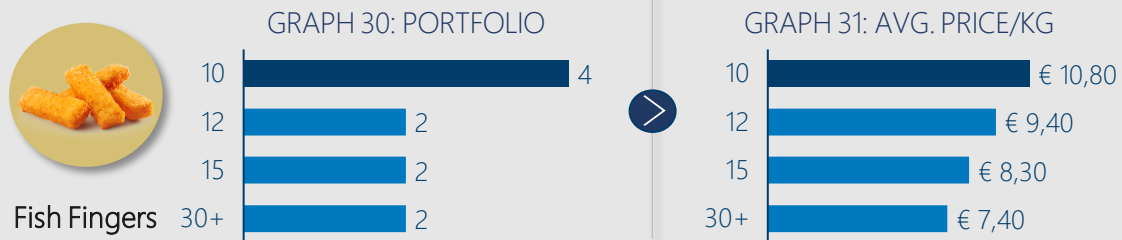
- ✓ Product benefits highlighted on the front of the box
- ✓ Young image that appeals to the primary target of the product and brand
- ✓ Number of units standing out, instead of the package weight, for instance

Iglo differentiates itself from Pescanova offering higher quality products at a higher price, even in the Fillets' sector where Pescanova is the market leader

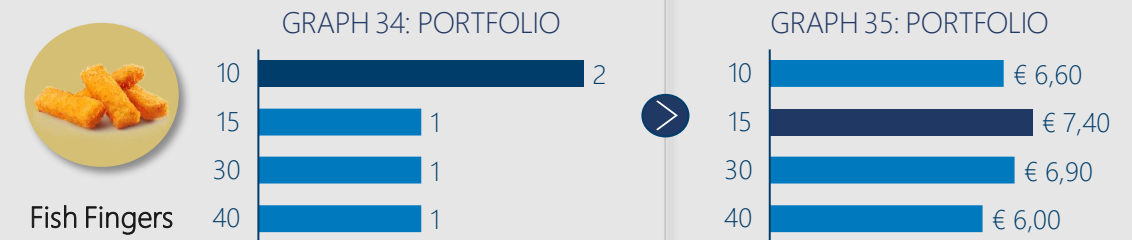


## ANALYSIS | HYPOTHESIS 5

### IGLO'S AVFF PORTFOLIO



### PESCANOVA'S AVFF PORTFOLIO



Analysing AVFF incumbents' pricing strategies, becomes clear **Iglo dominates the Fish Fingers' segment** given its **50% market share** and its ability to **sustain a higher price level** than competitors, whilst not observing consumers switching for its competitors.

Regarding **Pescanova's Pricing strategy**, in both segments, it applies a **more competitive strategy** where its products are **more affordable** than Iglo's, but on **average of inferior quality**, either by offering products with a smaller percentage of Protein or by offering smaller unitary products.

Considering the Literature, AVFF's segment is characterized by higher markup ratios, not because of the duopoly structure, but rather due to its own nature

## ANALYSIS | HYPOTHESIS 5



### PESCANOVA'S AVFF PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BUTTERED FILLETS	QUANTITY	FLAVOUR	DISCOUNT PRICE	DB PRICE w/o VAT <sup>1</sup>	PESCANOVA PRICE <sup>2</sup>	OUTSOURCER PRICE	MARK UP	MARK UP (%)
	4	Herbs	€8.23/kg	€6.69/kg	€4.46/kg	€2.96/kg	€1.50	50.8%
	4	Flour & Egg	€10.28/kg	€8.26/kg	€5.51/kg	€2.92/kg	€2.59	88.7%
	4	Pepper	€8.23/kg	€6.69/kg	€4.46	€3.15/kg	€1.31	41.6%
	4	Lemon	€8.22/kg	€6.68/kg	€4.45/kg	€2.91/kg	€1.54	53.0%
	12*	Flour & Egg	€11.99/kg	€9.75/kg	€6.50/kg	€2.52/kg	€3.98	157.8%

Table 12: Pescanova's Buttered Fillets offer

FISH FINGERS	QUANTITY	DISCOUNTED PRICE	VAT	DB PRICE w/o VAT	PESCANOVA PRICE	OUTSOURCER PRICE	MARKUP	MARKUP (%)
	15	€7.42/kg	€1.71	€6.03/kg	€4.02/kg	€3.06/kg	€0.97	31.6%
	30	€6.09/kg	€1.59	€5.61/kg	€3.74/kg	€2.74/kg	€1.00	26.9%
	40	€5.99/kg	€1.38	€4.87/kg	€3.25/kg	€2.56/kg	€0.69	36.7%

Table 13: Pescanova's Fish Fingers offer

### LITERATURE

(De Loecker et al, 2017): "Larger firms (as measured by their sales) tend to have a lower markup."

(De Loecker et al, 2017): "Markups alone do not tell the full story about market power."

(Leonel, G, 2020): "The largest firms (superstars) don't have the highest markup."

### RIBERALVES' IMPLICATIONS






The literature highlights the fact that larger market share companies tend to have lower markups, therefore, Riberalves could enter this segment with a **sustainable markup ratio**, covering the **initial investment expenses** and **project's risk**.

In a segment where Price plays a crucial role, Riberalves as shown itself as a desired alternative when applied the discount factor

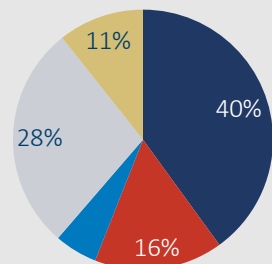
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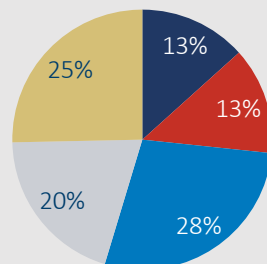
### COD FRITTERS\*

	Price w/o discount	Price w/ discount	Riberalves premium
	7.35	5.33	-
	6.30	5.04	5.8%
	6.80	5.12	4.1%
	6.55	4.91	8.6%
	4.55	4.55	17.1%

MARKET SHARE (w/o and w/ DISCOUNT)








Graph 38: Market Share w/o Discount



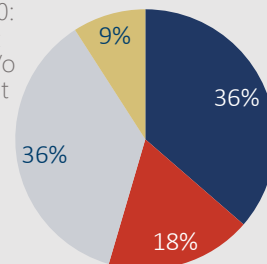
Graph 39: Market Share w/ Discount

### COD FISH FINGERS\*

	Price w/o discount	Price w/ discount	Riberalves premium
	5.61	4.49	-
	4.99	3.99	12.5%
	5.59	4.19	7.2%
	5.11	3.96	13.4%
	3.59	3.59	25.1%

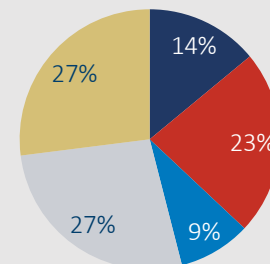
MARKET SHARE (w/o and w/ DISCOUNT)

Graph 40:  
Market  
Share w/o  
Discount








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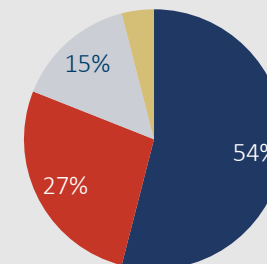
Graph 41:  
Market  
Share w/  
Discount



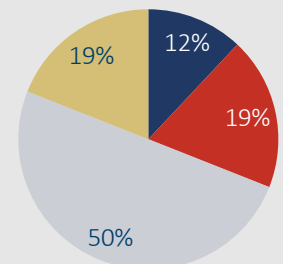
### COD BUTTERED FILLETS\*

	Price w/o discount	Price w/ discount	Riberalves premium
	5,39	3,50	-
	4,39	2,63	33.1%
	4,69	2,81	24.6%
	4,99	3,24	8.0%
	2,39	2,39	46.4%

MARKET SHARE (w/o and w/ DISCOUNT)



Graph 42: Market Share w/o Discount



Graph 43: Market Share w/ Discount

During the survey, Riberalves' competitiveness was tested, simultaneously confirming the importance of the discount factor. Riberalves' products residual demand more than doubled when a discount strategy was applied. This analysis also cover the price sensitivity of this segment, where smaller premia led to a higher market shares.

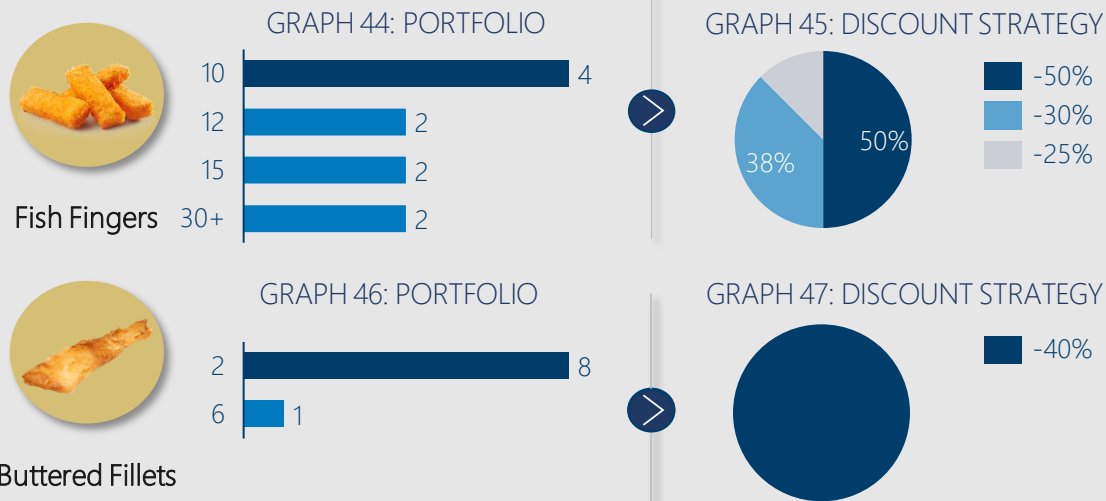


# Being Portugal one of the most Discount-dependent countries, AVF's Incumbents adapted their offer to tackle these consumers' preferences

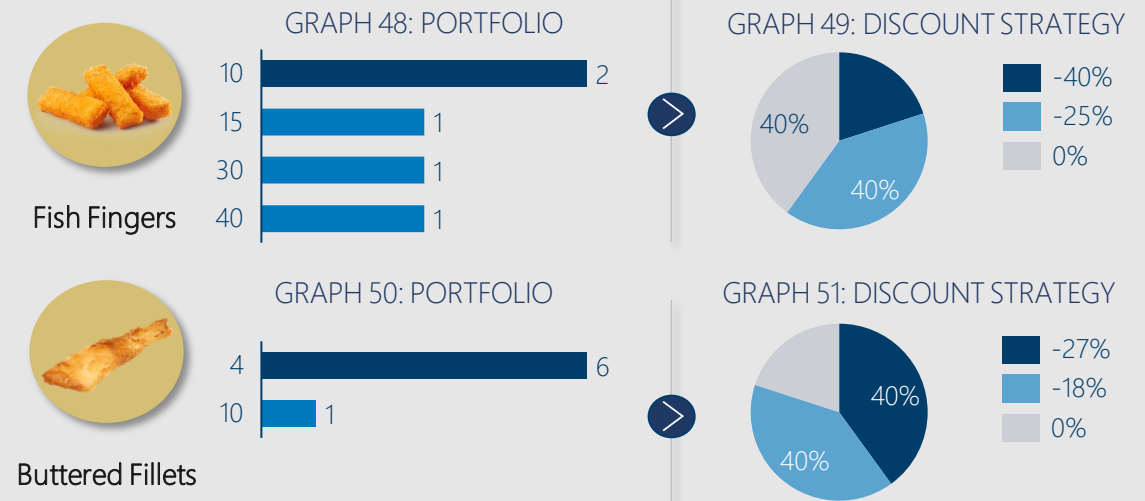


## ANALYSIS | HYPOTHESIS 6

### IGLO'S AVFF PORTFOLIO



### PESCANOVA'S AVFF PORTFOLIO



Portuguese AVFF incumbents practice very different **Discount** strategies between themselves. **Iglo** approaches these segments with a stronger and more aggressive Discount strategy, where consumers are influenced to purchase its products due to the **"large discount" numbers**. Oppositely, **Pescanova** practices a policy where the Discount factor is not as relevant, due to the **smaller discounts practiced**, but the products' prices per kilo remain as competitive as Iglo's.

Both companies' strategies reflect the importance of the Discount factor in Portuguese's economy, where **46%** of the national purchases are made under Discount, making Portugal the **fourth highest European Country** in what Discounts are regarded.



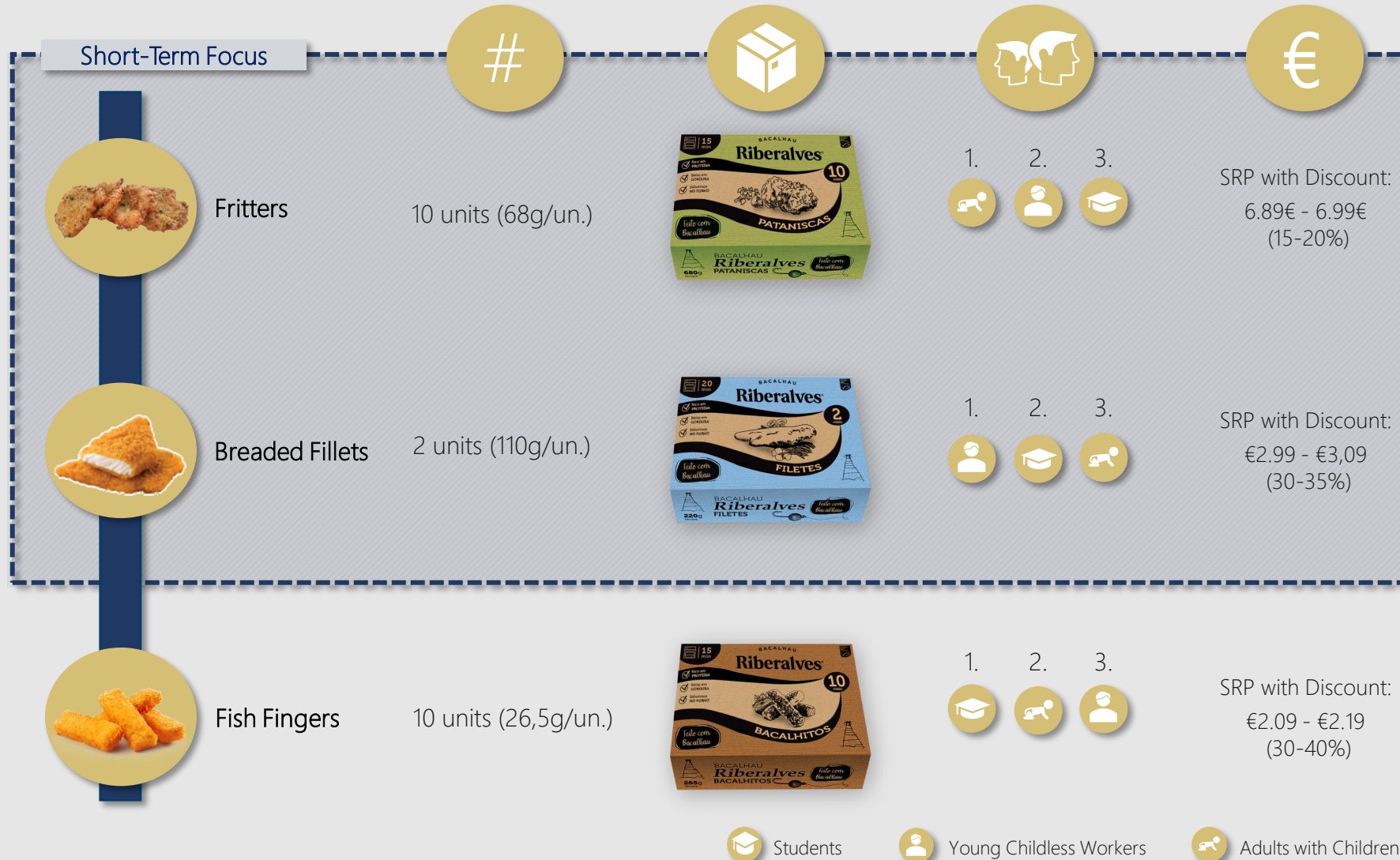
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# Fritters and Breaded Fillets are the product recommendations for Riberalves' entry, leaving Fish Fingers as a follow-up

## RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW



### RECOMMENDATION

The Recommendation is divided into **three** product proposals in order to launch Riberalves in a competitive market with an innovative product. Fritters and Breaded Fillets are the strongest recommendations for the **entry** of Riberalves in this market, leaving Fish Fingers as a recommendation to implement as a **follow up** aiming to expand the portfolio of innovative Riberalves products

# Being the AVFF market dominated only by two incumbents, the Pricing strategy becomes important for Riberalves' implementation success



## RECOMENDATIONS | PRICE

OBJECTIVES	RATIONALE	DESCRIPTION
<p>After understanding the best products Riberalves should implement to enter the AVFF segment, it is important to <b>define these products Pricing and Discount strategies</b>.</p>	<p>Analysing the investigation methods', survey and proof-of-concept <b>insights</b>, the <b>consumption bias towards Riberalves</b> was analyzed given <b>different Pricing and Discount factors</b>.</p>	<p>For these products recommendations 3 different options are presented:</p> <p><b>Fritters:</b> Riberalves should release, to the end consumer, 10 units of Cod Fritters at €6.99 under a conservative Discount rate (15% to 20%).</p>
<p>Due to the importance of the Price and Discount rates to the segment, their definition will heavily influence Riberalves' projects success, therefore this analysis <b>aims to Benchmark and analyze</b> each products' <b>Price and Discount strategies</b> individually and respective <b>operational profitability</b>.</p>	<p>Recognize market trends and strategies pursued by competitors, in order to understand and adapt them to Riberalves' offer, while not forgoing the premium that Riberalves have compared to competitors.</p>	<p><b>Breaded Fillets:</b> It is advisable distributors sell Riberalves Fillets at €3.09 under a Discount rate between 30% and 35%.</p> <p><b>Fish Fingers:</b> These products should be available to the final consumer at €2.19 counseling a Discount rate between 30% and 40%.</p>

# Aiming to achieve a 25% markup pricing strategy, our recommendations were concerned about maintaining a competitive price against incumbents'

## RECOMMENDATIONS | PRICING REQUISITES' METHODOLOGY

### INTERNAL REQUISITES

Premium	$\geq 15\%$
Markup	$\geq 25\%$
$\Delta$ Unitary weight	$< 10\%$
$\Delta$ Unitary protein (%)	$> 5\%$
Distributor Markup	50%
VAT	23%

Assumptions

### METHODOLOGY

The Pricing recommendations aims to satisfy multiple needs, but one of the most important ones is the Markup ratio. According to Marin, Business owners should use markups to determine products' sales prices. Following this intuition and dialoguing with Riber Alves' representatives, our team understood that a **25% markup** was required in order to **sustain operations** and **cover overhead expenses**, while maintaining a reasonable **net profit**.

Even though the initial reasoning while discussing with Riber Alves' CFO, Vicente Pedro Nunes, was that Riber Alves should offer its products with a **15% or higher premium price**, it became clear that Riber Alves as an entrant in the AVFF's segment should not take such a courageous move, therefore **being more conservative**. As a consequence, although Riber Alves should aim, in the medium-term, to achieve 15% or higher premium against the closest benchmark, the pilot-projects' pricing strategies round a **premium inferior to 10%**, which is equivalent to a 20 cents increase to the closest benchmark. As a result of **Fritters'** little market competition, a **more aggressive approach** in what Pricing is concerned should be undertaken.

At a secondary level, factors such as the **unitary weight** and **unitary protein percentage** were used with two major objectives: allow Riber Alves to offer similar products more competitively, offering smaller products, and offer higher quality products since, according to Riber Alves' representatives, a higher protein percentage confers a higher quality standard.

# Analysing the current Fritters competitors' offer, while attending to Riberalves' internal requisites, Riberalves Fritters' pilot-project prices were estimated



## RECOMMENDATION | FRITTERS

### INTERNAL REQUISITES

Premium	$\geq 15\%$
Markup	$\geq 25\%$
$\Delta$ Unitary Weight	$< 10\%$
$\Delta$ Unitary Protein	$> 5\%$



	# (Quantity)	% (Average Protein)	 (Unitary Weight)	 (Discounted Price/kg)	 (Product's Discounted Price)
	10	24%	68	[€10.13; €10.28]	[€6.89; €6.99]
 (Riberalves / Benchmark)	---	14%	-9%	[40%; 42%]	---

### BENCHMARK ANALYSIS



% Protein: 21%
Unitary Weight: 75gr
Price: €2.17
Price/kg (w/ Discount): €7.23
Unitary price: €0.54

By entering the **Fritters market**, Riberalves could innovate its products' portfolio in a segment with **little competition**, being this product **only supplied by one Distributor** (Pingo Doce). As a result, Riberalves could maintain a **conservative Discount strategy**, not having to aggressively Discount its products in order to remain as a competitive alternative.

### LITERATURE – BENCHMARKING STRATEGY

(Sarkis et al, 2012): "Use information from other units' processes (...) to make specific improvements."

(Moriarty, 2011): "Benchmarking is a central aspect of organizational strategy, continuous improvement and organizational learning, as companies compare environmental performance, both internally and externally, to find leaders (and laggards) and to bring companies closer to best practices."



To enter in Fillets' market, Riberalves should bet on a 10% superior product at a product's similar price level, targeting a 73% markup rate

## RECOMMENDATION | BREADED FILLETS



### BENCHMARK ANALYSIS



% Protein: 70%

Unitary Weight:  
112.5gr

Price: €2.99

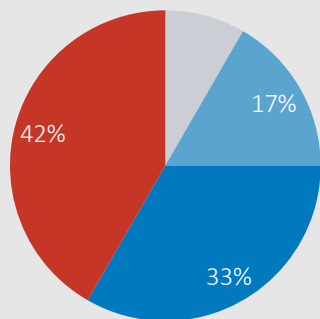
Price/kg (w/  
Discount): €13.29

Unitary price: €1.50



# (Quantity)	% (Average Protein)	 (Unitary Weight)	 (Unitary Price)	 (Discounted Price/kg)	 (Product's Discounted Price)
2	78%	105	€1.52	[€14.24; €14.71]	[€2.99; €3.09]
 (Riberalves / Benchmark)					
---	11%	-7%	1.7%	[7%; 11%]	[0%; 3%]

### SEGMENT'S DISCOUNT STRATEGIES



% Discount practiced  
by competitors

40% 18%  
27% None

 (Discounted Price/kg)	 (Distributor's Price w/o VAT)	 (Riberalves' Price w/o VAT)*	 (Pescanova's Outsourcer cost/kg)	 (Premium = +%Protein; Cod)	 (Riberalves' Outsourcer cost/kg)	RIBERALVES' MARKUP
€14.48	€11.77	€7.85	€2.94	50%	€4.41	€3.44 78%

Although Pescanova is the Fillets' Market leader, Iglo is the benchmark used due to its lower capitations products offer. Given Iglo's current constant Discount strategy of 40%, Riberalves should insert its Breaded Fillets at a similar Discount rate understood between 30% and 35%, given our Survey's insight about the importance of the "big discount numbers" and its impact on consumers' choices.

To be able to be a competitive alternative on the Fish Fingers market, Riberalves should adopt an aggressive Discount strategy (30% - 40%)



## RECOMMENDATION | FISH FINGERS

### BENCHMARK ANALYSIS



% Protein: 62%

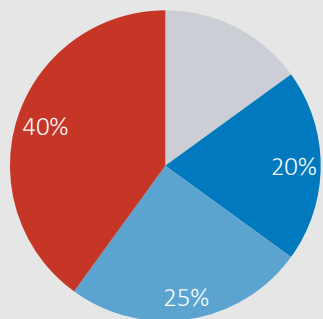
Unitary Weight: 25gr

Price: €1.99

Price/kg (w/ Discount): €7.96

Unitary Price: €0.20

### SEGMENT'S DISCOUNT STRATEGIES



% Discount practiced by competitors

50% 25%  
30% Other

BAKALHITOS vs. HAKE FISH FINGERS	#	%				
	(Quantity)	(Average Protein)	(Unitary Weight)	(Unitary Price)	(Discounted Price/kg)	(Product's Discounted Price)
	10	65%	23	€0.21	[€9.09; €9.52]	[€2.09; €2.19]
	---	5%	-8%	7.5%	[14%; 20%]	[5%; 10%]



BAKALHITOS vs. SALMON FISH FINGERS	#	%				
	(Quantity)	(Average Protein)	(Unitary Weight)	(Unitary Price)	(Discounted Price/kg)	(Product's Discounted Price)
	10	65%	23	€0.21	[€9.09; €9.52]	[€2.09; €2.19]
	---	24%	-18%	-43,5%	-43%	-43%

						>	RIBERALVES' MARKUP
(Discounted Price/kg)	(Distributor's Price w/o VAT)	(Riberalves' Price w/o VAT)*	(Pescanova's Outsourcer cost/kg)	(Premium = +%Protein; Cod)	(Riberalves' Outsourcer cost/kg)		
€9.30	€7.56	€5.04	€2.69	25%	€3.36		€1.68 50%



# The below-presented Table summarizes and describes all recommendations

## RECOMMENDATION | SUMMARY

RECOMMENDATION	DESCRIPTION	CAPITATION & WIEGHT	TARGET & PACKAGING	PRICE & DISCOUNT
1 Fritters	Typical dish of Portuguese cuisine: shredded Cod Fish fried in egg purée and wheat flour used either as a snack or as a main dish. Quick-cook product, ideal for the oven, without frying.	10 units (68g/un.)	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults with children</li> <li>Young Childless Workers</li> <li>Students</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fritters should be sold between €6.89 - €6.99.</li> <li>The recommended discount rate should be between 15% - 20%.</li> </ul>
2 Breaded Fillets	Product of fresh fried Cod Fish loins with a thin topping and seasoned with lemon. An adaptation of the traditional British Fish and Chips. Quick-cook product, ideal for the oven, without frying.	2 units (110g/un.)	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young Childless Workers</li> <li>Students</li> <li>Adults with children</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breaded Fillets should be sold between €2.99 - €3.09.</li> <li>The recommended discount rate should be between 30% - 35%.</li> </ul>
3 Fish Fingers	Product of fresh fried cod loins with a crispy breadcrumb cover. Quick-cook product, ideal for the oven, without frying.	10 units (26,5g/un.)	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students</li> <li>Adults with children</li> <li>Young Childless Workers</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish Fingers should be sold between €2.09 - €2.19.</li> <li>The recommended discount rate should be between 30% - 40%.</li> </ul>

Table 14: Recommendations' Summary

# The implementation Roadmap lasts for 12 months and in 2021 only focuses on Fritters and Breaded Fillets, Fish Fingers only implemented in 2022



## RECOMMENDATION | TENTATIVE ROADMAP

Nr.	Task	Start Date	Costs	2021												2022
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1
1	<b>Fritters and Breaded Fillets</b>	01/01	> €24.000													
1.1	Define the recipe and find suitable outsourcing partners	01/01	€1.000													
1.2	Evaluate outsourcer proposals and choose among them	01/03	-													
1.3	Delegate a supervisor to work closely with the outsourcer	15/04	FRN													
1.4	Contact packaging design agency	01/03	-													
1.5	Co-create and develop the package layout and features	01/05	€20.000													
1.6	Communicate new packaging design to packaging materials' supplier	01/05	-													
1.7	Order packaging samples from the supplier	01/07	€100													
1.8	Order new packaging materials from the supplier	15/07	€2.000													
1.9	Define promotion strategy with marketing agency	01/09	NR													
1.10	Brief the new products to retailers	15/10	€1000													
1.11	Start delivering the products to retailers	15/11	FRN													
1.12	Launch the product and the communication campaign	01/12	FRN													
2	<b>Fish Fingers</b>	2022	FRN													

Table 15: Roadmap

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# The survey bias and possible retaliatory behaviour from incumbents are the most probable risks, being moderate but mitigatable

## RISKS AND LIMITATIONS



● LOW ● MEDIUM ● HIGH

RISK	DESCRIPTION	PROBABILITY	IMPACT	MITIGATION PROCESS
Survey Bias	The irregular survey's distribution, in aging, gender and income terms might impact some conclusions, namely target's definition	●	●	Conduct a new survey whose distribution represents better the Portuguese population, aiming to collect better conclusions over the project's thematic.
Inaccurate Price Definition	Given the lack of information, the recommended price might be unrealistic, therefore possible being under or overpriced.	●	●	
Unsuccessful Communication	Being these products' success dependent on the performance of a strong communication campaign, not doing so might lead to the project's failure.	●	●	Adapt the communication strategy to the target audience, focusing on Riber Alves competitive advantages.
Competition's Retaliatory Reaction	Riber Alves' first mover's advantages might be less impactful depending on the time and intensity of the competitors' response to Riber Alves' entrance. Due to its international footprint, which includes AVF Cod Fish products in its product portfolio, Iglo becomes the main threat for Riber Alves.	●	●	Prepare an alternative action plan preparing the measures being taken in case competitors retaliate and contingency pricing policies to alleviate such behaviours.
Brand's deterioration	Riber Alves' brand could get jeopardized after an unsuccessful entrance in AVF Cod Fish segment.	●	●	Approach this new segment as a pilot project, communicating this strategy effectively, so consumers consider these projects separately from the main brand. <i>Example: Green Cuisine (Iglo)</i>

Table 16: Risks and Limitations Analysis

# The consumers' lack of knowledge about Cod advantages over the benchmark might jeopardize recommendations success



## RISKS AND LIMITATIONS

● LOW ● MEDIUM ● HIGH

RISK	DESCRIPTION	PROBABILITY	IMPACT	MITIGATION PROCESS
Consumer uneducated about Cod's Consumption Benefits	<p>In such a competitive environment, if there is no clear perception about Cod advantages, there will exist no incentives to pay a premium for a product made of Cod.</p> <p>This risk is connected to the "Inaccurate Price Definition" as the price definition will be defined through a multiple consumers might not be able to pay.</p>	●	●	<p>Adapt the communication strategy to the selected targets, focusing on Riberalves' competitive advantages and Cod consumption benefits.</p> <p>Conduct a new market survey, whose distribution would represent better the Portuguese population aiming to clarify the willingness to pay of the target consumer.</p>
Unfeasible Package	Incapacity to produce new packages and/or making them without exponentially increase their production cost.	●	●	Produce a package with the same characteristics but with ordinary carton, instead of recycled one.
Products' technical unfeasibility	Some products might be unfeasible by Riberalves' suppliers/outsourcers.	●	●	Find alternative suppliers/outsourcers.
Incapacity to control Riberalves' AVF production on Outsourcers' facilities	With these products production delegated to Outsourcers' facilities, there is a power control loss in comparison to the current production process (100% in-house).	●	●	Cooperate with the Outsourcer through the productive process, define a supervisor and establish guidelines and quality controls.

Table 17: Risks and Limitations Analysis



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# Riber Alves combines a unique positioning in the market with a large scale of production to face the new demand on Cod Fish products



## APPENDIX A | SWOT



### STRENGTHS

- Recognized traditional Brand. In-depth interviews showed a **Top-of-Mind response of 33,1% for Riber Alves**
- **Largest platform of Cod Fish transformation**, responsible for 8-10% of world's transformation
- **100% family business** considered the most traditional and the most specialist in the industry
- **Biggest Brand of FRTC Cod Fish** in Portugal, excluding distribution brand. In 2019, the market share was 14%
- Riber Alves was **the first brand** to produce FRTC Cod Fish in 2000
- **Online Shop** with own distribution channel allows a **B2C experience** and **closer relation with HORECA channel**



### WEAKNESSES

- Riber Alves has **only Cod Fish products** in its portfolio, which means low diversity of supply and low room to cut prices
- **Weak connection to younger generations.** The marketing strategy has focused on older generations, which is seen in the In-Depth interviews where Riber Alves is portrayed as a "old man with a moustache"
- Ambition to produce the **best quality product in a commodity market** where price is the main decision-making factor for the consumer
- **Absence in one of the main retailers in Portugal (Pingo Doce)** means a serious opportunity cost in sales and lack of access to a large group of consumers



### OPPORTUNITIES

- Clarification and communication of the characteristics and advantages of **Cod Fish Consumption**. Health concerns are evidenced as the main factor for the consumption of fish and Cod Fish is not perceived as the healthiest of fish
- **FRTC Cod Fish Market growing** in Revenue (6,5%) and Volume (3.3%)
- **Inexistence of Cod Fish products** to face **new consumption patterns** (quick, practical and convenient)



### THREATS

- Aggressive Competition on **Price/Promotion** and **growth of Distribution Brands**. Riber Alves has been losing market share as Distribution are gaining importance
- Younger Generations tend to perceive **Cod Fish as unattractive** compared to other fish. The survey shows a perception of Cod Fish as **unhealthy and difficult to cook** as well as the link to traditional cuisine
- **Large offer of alternatives** to Cod Fish namely **Salmon and Hake Fish**. In-Depth Interviews evidenced a trend to Salmon, Hake motivated by taste and health concerns

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## APPENDIX B | PESTLE ANALYSIS

### POLITICAL



- Tax Policy: according to INE, **Portugal** has a Tax Burden **inferior to the EU28's**, being this difference understood between **34.7%** and **39.4% of the GDP**, respectively.
- **Covid-19** eroded the stability of international institutions, both political and economical ones.
- The **current political processes**, Brexit and US President's election, are **shaping politics worldwide**, due to the influence of both countries.

### ECONOMICAL



- **Covid-19** is impacting worldwide countries' GDP. Covid-19's impact in **Portugal's GDP** is forecasted between **6.8%-8%**
- **Unemployment rate increase**: Covid-19 increased the Portuguese unemployment rate by 30% over the last six months (September, 2020)
- **Medium/Low income level** in Portugal, compared with countries with same development level
- **Quantitative easing policies** used as an economical boost aiming to fight the Covid-19's impacts.

### SOCIAL/CULTURAL



- The **conscious consumption** is becoming more important and it is **shaping the way companies are operating**
- Consumers are not willing to spend much **time cooking**, thus requiring a new set of alternatives, more practical and easier to cook
- Covid-19 situation is restricting worldwide's **mobility**
- Portuguese population is getting older and its natural balance has been negative since 2008



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### TECHNOLOGICAL



- Evolution of data analysis techniques associated with a boom of **AI and Machine Learning**, being these two the on the top technological trends for 2021
- The Robotization is **shaping the way manufacturers operate their businesses**
- Companies intend to increase their “**social budgets**” (budget to be spent within social media platforms)
- IoT and **predictive analytics** are transforming business processes (31% of manufacturers incorporate smart devices over their productive chain)

### LEGAL



- Annually, the European Commission evaluates the fish species caught within each countries’ EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) and **negotiates** with the respective countries the **annual allowed quota to be caught**. In what *Gadus Morhua* is concerned, there are **no evidences** that support a drastic variation of its quotas
- Covid-19 altered the situation of many economic players, therefore it is **plausible** that some contracts might be bridged

### ENVIRONMENTAL



- Increased interest over **sustainability** and **personal “green footprints”**
- The worldwide Vegan market is expected to **increase up to \$20 billion in 2023**, which would represent a CAGR of 9.3%
- Computer technology and robotization are being developed to **boost the waste management industry** and **recycling facilities**
- Climate change



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# Frozen Ready to Cook Fish market is greatly pressured by the wide variety of close substitutes and the price sensitivity of consumers

## APPENDIX C | PORTER'S FIVE FORCES



### THREAT OF NEW ENTRANTS

In the Portuguese Added-Value Frozen Fish industry, the **Threat of New Entrants** can be considered as **medium-low**.

To enter this industry one faces a **duopoly**, where the **incumbents dominate 80%** of the market. Therefore it is expected that these **incumbents retaliate** against the entrance of new players, as their margins allow them to do so.

Although the **CAPEX requirements** are low due to the general industry's outsourcing practice, the **access to distribution channels** is very difficult due to the elevated amount of products desiring to enter the distributors' booths.

Given the consumers' preferences and the importance given to the **pricing factor**, it becomes clearer that the **brand loyalty** is very low, as customers tend to buy the cheapest products, which leads to the inexistence of **switching costs**.



### THREAT OF SUBSTITUTES

The **Threat of Substitutes** may be considered as **medium-high** as any other fish or frozen meals can be considered as **close substitutes**, however these products serve very specific needs, hence the substitution effect is diminished.

Analysing the Added-Value Frozen Fish market, it becomes clear that the **new ecological and green consumption trends** have not affect it since this market grew 7% in 2019, thusly it is expected that the demand for these products do not vary negatively in the near future.

Given the industry's products similarities, incumbents target different customers using different discount strategies. Building on this aspect, the **price elasticity of demand** is considerably high, meaning that a higher price per kilo, *ceteris paribus*, would increase the demand for other competitors' products.



### BARGAINING POWER OF SUPPLIERS

The **Bargaining Power of Suppliers** can be considered **low**.

The **commodity competitiveness** of the Added-Value Frozen Fish industry is **very high**, since does not exist a significant differentiation level among fishing companies. With that said, it is plausible mentioning that the industry's concentration is **low**.

Additionally limiting suppliers' bargaining power is the fact that the incumbents use different fish proteins in their products, therefore **existing a wide variety of fish species** satisfying their products' needs.

Given that this market relies on the exploration of different commodities, **suppliers' cannot price discriminate** due to the fact that commodities' price is established in the international market.

# Frozen Ready to Cook Fish market is very competitive due to the existing duopoly situation and the possible retaliatory behaviour of incumbents

## APPENDIX C | PORTER'S FIVE FORCES



### BARGAINING POWER OF BUYERS

The **Bargaining Power of Buyers** in the Portuguese Added-Value Frozen Fish industry is **high**.

The wide majority of the industry's buyers are end consumers. Focusing on this consumer group, as analysed before, it is described as a **very price sensitive** one, due to its consuming experience, this described as a "price seeking" one. Associated with this factor, is a wide panoply of **close substitutes** available facilitating consumers' switch between brands.

Furthermore, focusing on the **final consumer**, its **purchasing volume and concentration are low**, since each consumer generally buys weekly portions.



### COMPETITIVE RIVALRY

The **Competitive Rivalry** can be classified as **high**. The main reason why this industry's environment is so competitive is the low **number of incumbents**, being this market composed mainly by two brands (Iglo and Pescanova) that dominate 80%, approximately, of the market, leading to a situation of **duopoly**.

Although the variety of products existing in the Added-Value Frozen Fish industry is very ample, the degree of **differentiation** between themselves is very **narrow** between brands since the two incumbents copy each other in what flavours and type of proteins used are concerned. This type of strategies used by the incumbents **diminished** the **switching costs** because the similarities between products are very intense, allowing consumers to switch between brands with little or no costs.

One factor that makes this segment attractive sticks to its **industry's growth** that in 2019 witnessed a growth of 7% in the value transacted.

Regarding the **exit barriers** and **cost structure** of the industry, both might be classified as medium and low, respectively, due to the segment's nature, meaning, incumbents do not manufacture any of the products they possess in their portfolio, meaning they outsource their entire operations, therefore having **low fixed costs**. The **exit barriers** can be considered as **medium**, because this type of businesses work under specific contract covenants that should be respected until the contracts' expiration, thus making it difficult the abandon operations from one day to the another.



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## APPENDIX D | SURVEY QUESTIONS

### INTRODUCTION

**Objetivo e contexto:** O questionário que se segue foi desenvolvido no âmbito da conclusão do projeto final dos mestrados de Gestão e Finanças da Nova School of Business and Economics. Ademais acrescenta-se que o mesmo tem como objetivo estudar as tendências de compra da população portuguesa cuja idade é igual ou superior a 18 anos.

**Duração:** O questionário tem uma duração média de 10 minutos.

**Participação:** A participação é de carácter voluntário, sem que haja penalidade no caso do abandono.

**Anonimato:** Qualquer informação fornecida ao longo do questionário é completamente anónima, sendo a mesma analisada de forma agregada.

Desde já agradecemos a sua disponibilidade.

A equipa de investigação: Fernando Sousa, Ricardo Barroso e Tomás Vitorino.

### PERSONA DEFINITION

2

0% 100%

**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

No seu dia-a-dia, quem é o(a) decisor(a) das compras alimentares?

Eu sozinho(a) 3

Eu acompanhado(a) 3

Pais / membros da Família 3

Cônjuge / Parceiro 3

Outro 3

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

3

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**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Indique o número de pessoas a "depende" das compras feitas pelo agregado familiar?

1 4

2-3 4

3-4 4

4-5 4

5+ 4

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4

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**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Quão frequentemente são realizadas as compras de supermercado?

Diariamente 5

2 ou 3 vezes por semana 5

Semanalmente 5

Quinzenalmente 5

Mensalmente 5

Não sei / Não me recordo 5

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

5

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**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Quantas refeições (almoços e jantares) faz em casa, por semana?

0 refeições 10

1 - 3 refeições 6

4 - 6 refeições 6

7 - 9 refeições 6

> 9 refeições 6

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

6

0% 100%

**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Quão frequente é o seu consumo de peixe em casa?

Não consumo 9

< 1 refeição por semana 9

1 - 2 refeições por semana 7

3 - 4 refeições por semana 7

> 4 refeições por semana 7

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

### FISH CONSUMPTION AND PERCEPTION

7

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**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Indique quais dos peixes abaixo indicados são mais frequentes na sua alimentação.

Selecione no máximo três.

Peixe vermelho 8

Robalo/Dourada 8

Polvo 8

Pescada 8

Salmão 8

Atum 8

Sardinha 8

Bacalhau 8

Outro 8

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

8

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**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Indique as principais razões para o seu consumo de peixe.

Selecione no máximo três.

Saudável 10

Versatilidade 10

Não como carne 10

Relação qualidade-preço 10

Dieta equilibrada 10

Gosto em cozinhar 10

Praticidade 10

Sabor 10

Outra 10

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

9

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**Nova**  
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Indique as principais razões para o seu consumo de peixe.

Selecione no máximo três.

Preço elevado 10

Espinhas 10

Percepção de dificuldade na preparação 10

Pouco saudável 10

Pouco gosto para cozinhar 10

Sabor 10

Pouco prático 10

Outra 10

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

10

0% 100%

**Nova**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Classifique os seguintes peixes, de acordo com a sua percepção, entre pouco saudável, saudável e muito saudável:

Sardinha ^

Pouco saudável

Saudável

Muito saudável

Atum v

Salmão v

Peixe vermelho v

Dourada v

Pescada v

Robalo v

Bacalhau v

Polvo v

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## APPENDIX D | SURVEY QUESTIONS

### ADDED-VALUE FROZEN FOOD PURCHASE

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**NOVA**  
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Costuma comprar refeições pré-preparadas?

Exemplo: pizzas; lasanhas; refeições pré-cozinhadas (bacalhau com natas, arroz de pato, etc.); fritos (rissóis, croquetes, etc.); prontos a levar ao forno/frigideira (filetes, douradinhos, etc.); ...

Sim 12

Não 14

12

Quem são os principais consumidores destes produtos?

Próprio(a) 13

Para os filhos 15

Para o agregado familiar 13

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

13

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**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Da seguinte lista de produtos qual(ais) compra com maior frequência?

Selecione no máximo três.

Douradinhos 14

Nuggets 14

Hambúrgueres 14

Rissóis 14

Pizzas 14

Croquetes 14

Panados crocantes (panadura do douradinho) 14

Filetes 14

Lasanhas 14

Refeições pré-cozinhadas (Bacalhau à brás, Arroz de pato, ...) 14

Pastéis (bacalhau, carne, ...) 14

Outro 14

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

14

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**NOVA**  
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Que marca(s) associa a produtos ou refeições preparadas?

Escreva até três marcas. Caso não se recorde de nenhuma, por favor avance para a próxima questão.

Marca 1:

Marca 2:

Marca 3:

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15

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**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Por favor, selecione os principais motivos subjacentes à sua compra deste tipo de produtos.

Selecione no máximo três.

Promoção 17

Possibilidade de reserva 17

Relação preço-qualidade 17

Relação preço-quilo (€/kg) 17

Relação preço-dose 17

Conveniência 17

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

16

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**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Por favor, selecione os principais motivos subjacentes à sua decisão de não comprar este tipo de produtos.

Escolha no mínimo um e, no máximo, dois.

Qualidade inferior 20

Pouco saudável 20

Preferência pelo fresco 23

Preferência por cozinhar 23

Falta de hábito de consumo 23

Relação qualidade-preço 23

Outro 23

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

17

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**NOVA**  
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Aquando da compra destes produtos, haverá alguns dos fatores abaixo mencionados que tome habitualmente em consideração?

Tabela Nutricional 18

Composição (% de cada ingrediente) 18

Ambos 18

Nenhum 18

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

18

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**NOVA**  
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Costuma comprar estes produtos em promoção?

Sim 19

Não 20

Não sei 19

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19

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**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Caso estes produtos não estivessem em promoção, comprá-los-ia na mesma?

Sim 22

Não 22

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20

0% 100%

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Se lhe fosse apresentado um produto desta categoria com um conteúdo nutricional mais completo e saudável, estaria disposto(a) a comprar?

Sim 21

Não 23

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

21

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Que marca associaria a um produto correspondente a estas características? (i.e., preparado congelado com um conteúdo nutricional mais completo e saudável)

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Only for answer "Sim" on question 11

Only for answer "Não" on question 11

Only for answer "Eu sozinho(a)" or "Eu acompanhado(a)" on 2

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### ADDED-VALUE FROZEN FOOD CONSUMPTION

22

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**NOVA**  
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Aquando da compra de **produtos preparados congelados**, classifique as seguintes características conforme a influência que estas possam exercer na sua decisão de compra.

Fator Promoção ("Placa amarela")

☐ Nada influente  
☐ Pouco influente  
☐ Influente  
☐ Muito influente

Transparência da embalagem

Número de doses

Confiança na marca

Embalagem sustentável

Selo de sustentabilidade

Sugestão de Apresentação (Imagem de produto confeccionado)

Tempo de preparação

Embalagem (Cores atrativas)

Valor nutricional

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

23

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Quão frequente é o seu consumo de refeições pré-preparadas por semana (almoços e jantares)?

Exemplo: pizzas, lasanhas, refeições pré-cozinhadas (bacalhau com natas, arroz de pato, etc.), fritos (rissóis, croquetes, etc.), prontos a levar ao forno/frigideira (hambúrgueres, filetes, etc.)

0 refeições 25  
1 - 3 refeições 24  
4 - 6 refeições 24  
7 - 9 refeições 24  
> 9 refeições 24

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

24

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Da seguinte lista de produtos qual (ou quais) consome com maior frequência?

Selecione no máximo três.

Lasanhas 25  
Croquetes 25  
Hambúrgueres 25  
Douradinhos 25  
Nuggets 25  
Rissóis 25  
Refeições pré-cozinhadas (Bacalhau à brás, Arroz de pato, ...) 25  
Pizzas 25  
Panados crocantes (panadura do douradinho) 25  
Pastéis (bacalhau, carne, ...) 25  
Filetes 25  
Outro 25

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Does not include people who already answered the equivalent Question 13

25

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
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Que marca(s) associa a este tipo de produtos? Escreva até três. Caso não se recorde de nenhuma, por favor avance para a próxima questão.

Marca 1:  
Marca 2:  
Marca 3:

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

26

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Por favor, selecione os principais motivos para o seu consumo deste tipo de produtos:

Selecione no máximo dois.

Sabor 28  
Rapidez 28  
Facilidade 28  
Outro 28

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

Only for answer "1 - 3 refeições"; "4 - 6 refeições"; "7 - 9 refeições" or "> 9 refeições" on Question 23

27

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Por favor, selecione os principais motivos subjacentes à sua decisão de não comprar este tipo de produtos.

Escolha no mínimo um e, no máximo, dois.

Falta de hábito de consumo 28  
Preferência pelo fresco 28  
Preferência pelo cozinhado autónomo 28  
Pouco saudável 28  
Qualidade inferior 28  
Outro 28

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

Only for answer "0 refeições" on Question 23

### CONCEPT PRODUCTS

28

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Nas questões que se seguem, será confrontado(a) com algumas perguntas relativas às suas preferências no que diz respeito a **produtos pré-preparados congelados**.

Estas perguntas incluem tanto produtos existentes como produtos conceptuais.

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

29

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Entre os seguintes produtos, indique aqueles que atraem mais a sua atenção.

Selecione quantos quiser.

Crocantes 36  
Burgers 34  
Croquetes 31  
Pataniscas 30  
Douradinhos 33  
Rissóis 32  
Filetes Panados 35  
Nenhum 32

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics



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### PROTEIN CHOICE

30

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**NOVA**  
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Considerando que escolheu Pataniscas, qual (ou quais) das seguintes propostas seria (ou seriam) do seu agrado?

Selecione quantas quiser.

Pataniscas de Camarão

Pataniscas de Polvo

Pataniscas de Frango

Pataniscas de Bacalhau 37

Pataniscas de Verduras

31

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando que escolheu Croquetes, qual (ou quais) das seguintes propostas seria do seu agrado?

Selecione quantas quiser.

Croquetes de Queijo

Croquetes de Carne

Croquetes de Alheira

Croquetes de Espinafres

Croquetes de Bacalhau 38

Croquetes de Atum

32

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando que escolheu Rissóis, qual (ou quais) das seguintes propostas seria do seu agrado?

Selecione quantas quiser.

Rissóis de Bacalhau 39

Rissóis de Leiteão

Rissóis de Carne

Rissóis de Camarão

Rissóis de Salmão

Rissóis de Cogumelos

33

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando que escolheu Douradinhos, qual (ou quais) das seguintes propostas seria do seu agrado?

Selecione quantas quiser.

Douradinhos de Pescada

Douradinhos de Frango

Douradinhos de Bacalhau 40

Douradinhos de Salmão

Douradinhos de Legumes

34

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando que escolheu Burger, qual (ou quais) das seguintes propostas seria do seu agrado?

Selecione quantas quiser.

Burger de Frango

Burger de Vaca

Burger de Peru

Burger Vegetal

Burger de Salmão

Burger de Bacalhau 41

35

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando que escolheu Filetes, qual (ou quais) das seguintes propostas seria do seu agrado?

Selecione quantas quiser.

Filetes de Salmão

Filetes de Frango

Filetes de Peru

Filetes de Bacalhau 42

Filetes de Seitan

Filetes de Pescada

36

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando que escolheu Crocantes, qual (ou quais) das seguintes propostas seria do seu agrado?

Selecione quantas quiser.

Crocantes de Salmão

Crocantes de Bacalhau 43

Crocantes de Seitan

Crocantes de Frango

Crocantes de Pescada

Crocantes de Peru

43

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Imagine que está no supermercado. De entre as seguintes quantidades disponíveis, indique qual escolheria:

2 Crocantes de Bacalhau 220g 50

4 Crocantes de Bacalhau 440g 50

6 Crocantes de Bacalhau 660g 50

10 Crocantes de Bacalhau 1100g 50

### CAPITATION CHOICE

37

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Imagine que está no supermercado. De entre as seguintes quantidades disponíveis, indique qual escolheria:

4 Pataniscas de Bacalhau 300g 44

6 Pataniscas de Bacalhau 450g 44

8 Pataniscas de Bacalhau 600g 44

12 Pataniscas de Bacalhau 900g 44

38

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Imagine que está no supermercado. De entre as seguintes quantidades disponíveis, indique qual escolheria:

8 Croquetes de Bacalhau 264g 45

10 Croquetes de Bacalhau 330g 45

12 Croquetes de Bacalhau 396g 45

20 Croquetes de Bacalhau 660g 45

39

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Imagine que está no supermercado. De entre as seguintes quantidades disponíveis, indique qual escolheria:

8 Rissóis de Bacalhau 360g 46

20 Rissóis de Bacalhau 900g 46

10 Rissóis de Bacalhau 450g 46

12 Rissóis de Bacalhau 540g 46

40

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Imagine que está no supermercado. De entre as seguintes quantidades disponíveis, indique qual escolheria:

8 Douradinhos de Bacalhau 224g 47

12 Douradinhos de Bacalhau 336g 47

18 Douradinhos de Bacalhau 504g 47

30 Douradinhos de Bacalhau 840g 47

41

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Imagine que está no supermercado. De entre as seguintes quantidades disponíveis, indique qual escolheria:

4 Burger de Bacalhau 300g 48

8 Burger de Bacalhau 600g 48

10 Burger de Bacalhau 750g 48

18 Burger de Bacalhau 1350g 48

42

0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Imagine que está no supermercado. De entre as seguintes quantidades disponíveis, indique qual escolheria:

2 Filetes de Bacalhau 220g 49

4 Filetes de Bacalhau 440g 49

6 Filetes de Bacalhau 660g 49

10 Filetes de Bacalhau 1100g 49

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## APPENDIX D | SURVEY QUESTIONS

### BRAND CHOICE – WITHOUT DISCOUNT

44 0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades escolhidas anteriormente, selecione uma de entre as seguintes opções:

 6,30€	 6,55€
 7,35€	 6,80€
 4,55€	

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

45 0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades escolhidas anteriormente, selecione uma de entre as seguintes opções:

 5,00€	 4,60€
 4,80€	 5,50€
 3,20€	

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

46 0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades escolhidas anteriormente, selecione uma de entre as seguintes opções:

 4,12€	 3,61€
 2,59€	 3,99€
 3,69€	

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

47 0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades escolhidas anteriormente, selecione uma de entre as seguintes opções:

 4,99€	 5,61€
 5,11€	 3,59€
 5,59€	

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

48 0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades escolhidas anteriormente, selecione uma de entre as seguintes opções:

 7,49€	 5,99€
 7,99€	 9,99€
 10,49€	

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

49 0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades escolhidas anteriormente, selecione uma de entre as seguintes opções:

 4,69€	 5,29€
 5,69€	 2,69€
 4,99€	

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

50 0% 100%

**NOVA**  
NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades escolhidas anteriormente, selecione uma de entre as seguintes opções:

 5,39€	 4,99€
 4,39€	 4,69€
 2,39€	

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics



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## APPENDIX D | SURVEY QUESTIONS

### BRAND CHOICE – WITH DISCOUNT

51

0%100%



NOVA  
NOVA SCHOOL OF  
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades  
escolhidas anteriormente, selecione  
uma de entre as seguintes opções:







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Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

52

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NOVA  
NOVA SCHOOL OF  
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades  
escolhidas anteriormente, selecione  
uma de entre as seguintes opções:







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Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

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NOVA  
NOVA SCHOOL OF  
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades  
escolhidas anteriormente, selecione  
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Considerando as quantidades  
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BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

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escolhidas anteriormente, selecione  
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Considerando as quantidades  
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uma de entre as seguintes opções:







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NOVA  
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BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Considerando as quantidades  
escolhidas anteriormente, selecione  
uma de entre as seguintes opções:







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## APPENDIX D | SURVEY QUESTIONS

### DEMOGRAPHY

58

0%100%



Indique o seu género:

Masculino59

Feminino59

Prefiro não divulgar59


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59

0%100%



Indique a sua idade (formato numérico):


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60

0%100%



Tem filhos ou jovens ao seu cuidado?

Sim61

Não62

61Indique as opções que contêm a(s) idade(s) do(s) seu(s) filhos(as):

Menor(es) de 12 anos62

Entre 12 e 18 anos62


Maior(es) de 18 anos62

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62

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Indique a região do País onde vive habitualmente:

Norte63

Centro63

Lisboa e Vale do Tejo63

Alentejo63

Algarve63

Açores63


Madeira63

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63

0%100%



Qual é o rendimento disponível mensal, do agregado familiar, onde o(a) decisor(a) das compras está inserido(a)?

0€ - 700€64

701€ - 1.500€64

1.501€ - 3.000€64

3.001€ - 5.000€64

5.001€ - 10.000€64

Mais de 10.000€64


Prefiro não responder64

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64

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Selecione a sua ocupação:

Estudante65

Trabalhador(a) estudante65

Trabalhador(a)65

Desempregado(a)65

Reformado(a)65

Empregado(a)65

Outro65


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65

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Muito obrigado pela sua participação, foi fundamental para o sucesso do nosso projeto!

Desenvolvido pela Qualtrics

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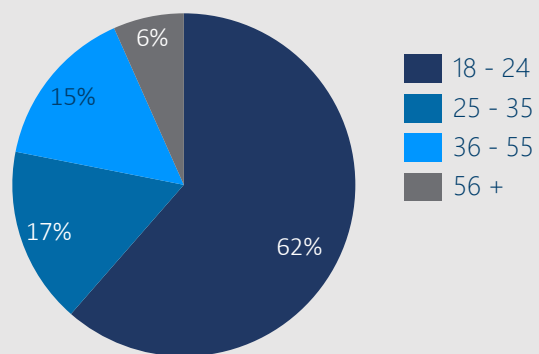
# The incidence of responses in individual students is in the Region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | DEMOGRAPHICS






### Sex

		
#	147	272
	35.1%	64.9%
	44.9%	65.1%

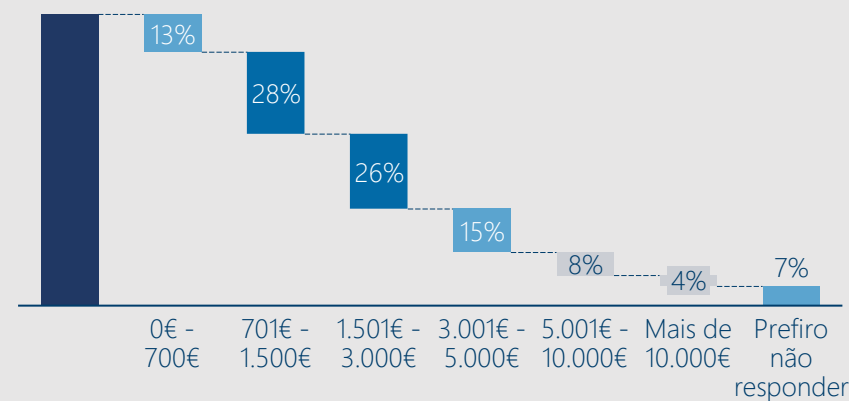
### Age



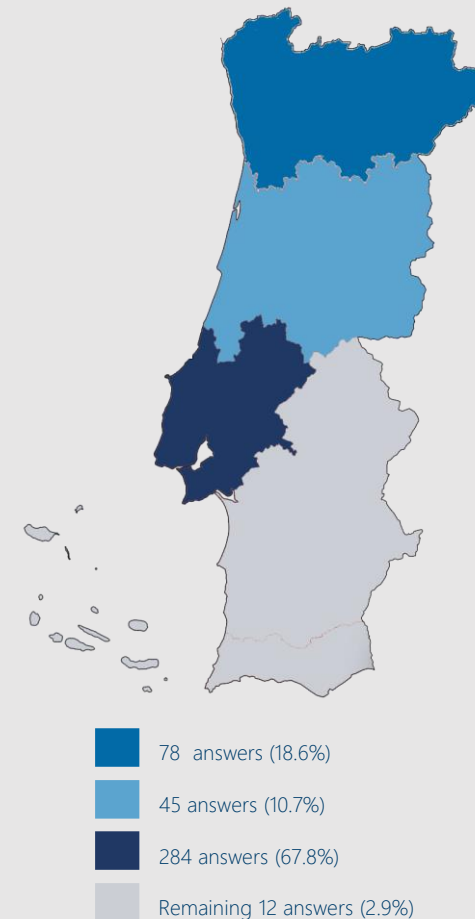
### Occupation

				
200	41	153	11	14
47.7%	9.8%	35.3%	2.6%	3.3%
46.5%	53.7%	70.9%	81.8%	71.4%

### Monthly family income



### Geography

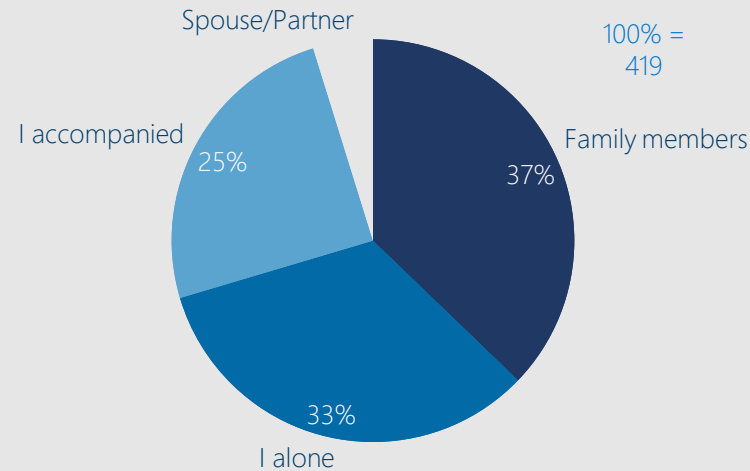


The sample obtained is mainly characterized by purchasing decision makers and families with two to three members

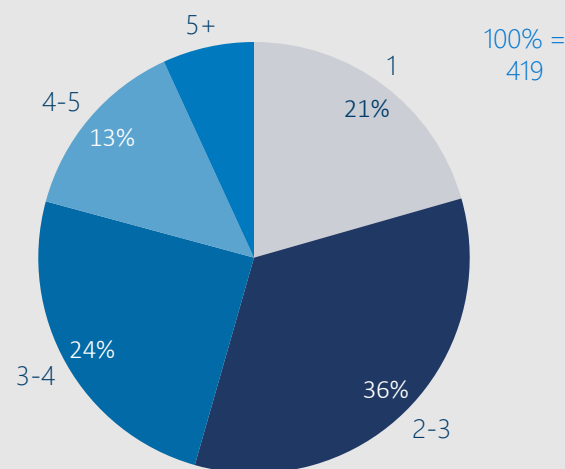
## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | DEFINITION OF PERSONA | COMPOSITION AND PURCHASING HABITS



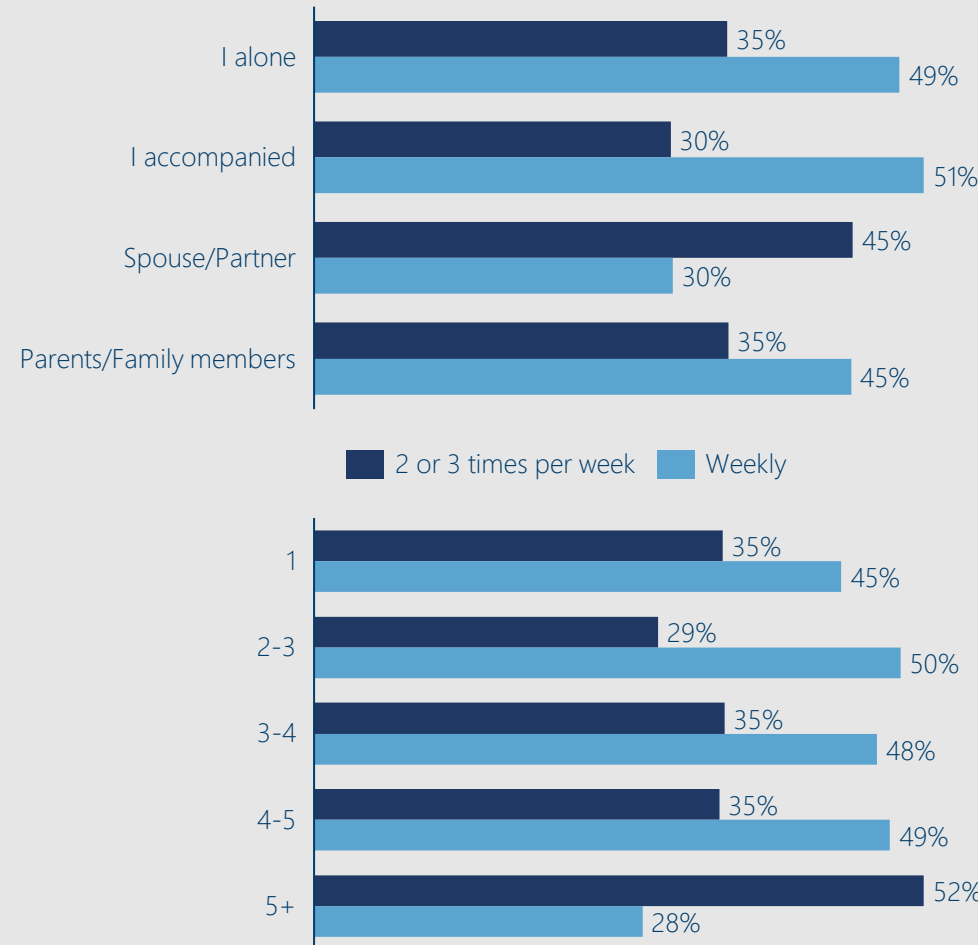
Distribution of those responsible for purchases



Distribution of size of household



Frequency of Purchases



In a sample of 419 people, purchase information was captured in approximately 60% of people.

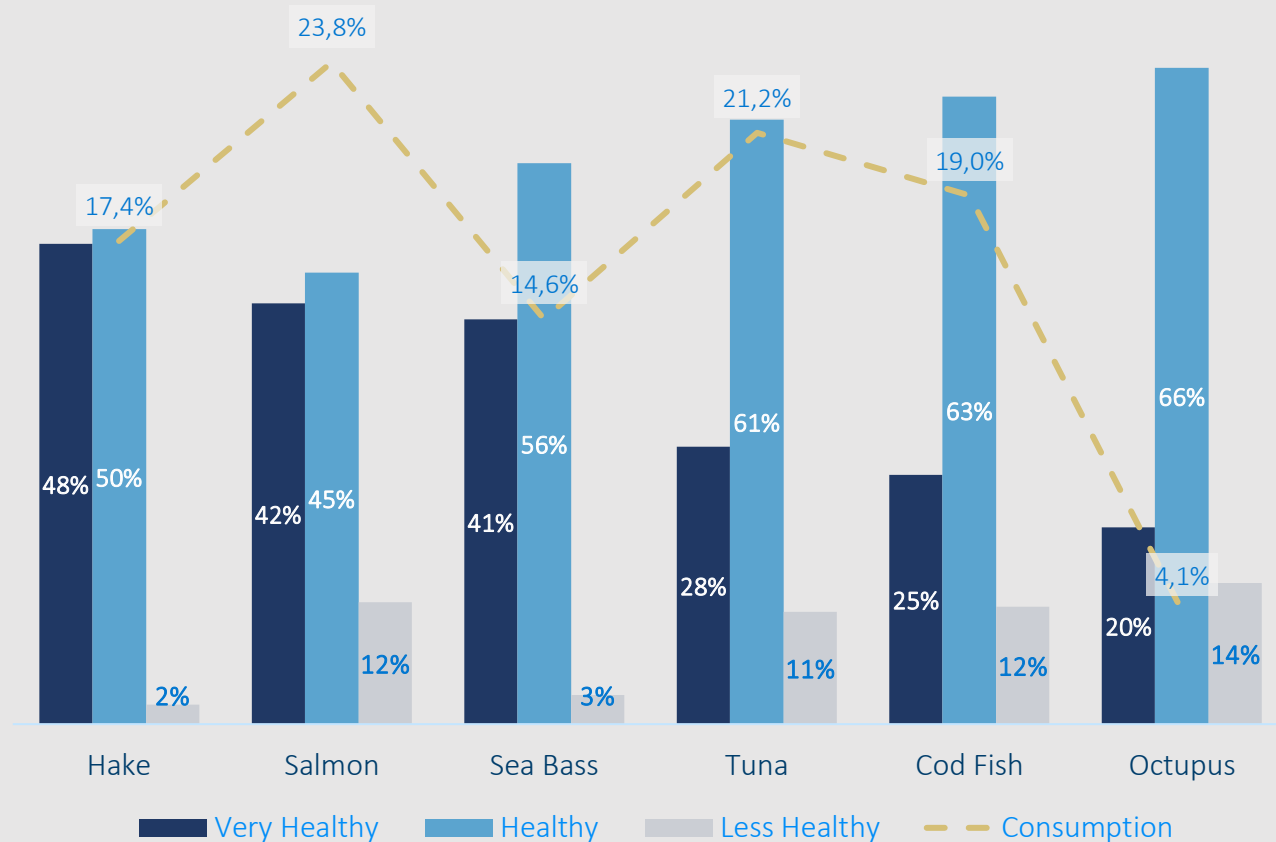
It is also understood that there is no correlation between the number of household members and the frequency of purchases, except for families with more than five members.



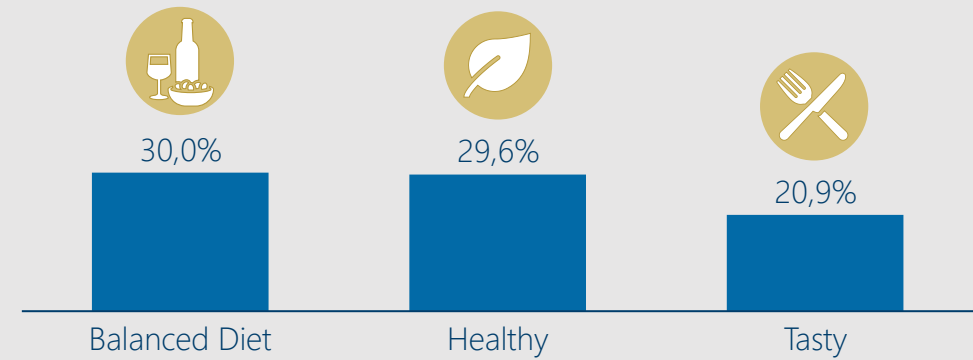
Healthiness and flavor appear to be the most important factors in consumption while its practicality and price can keep consumers away

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | FISH CONSUMPTION | PERCEPTION AND CONSUMPTION

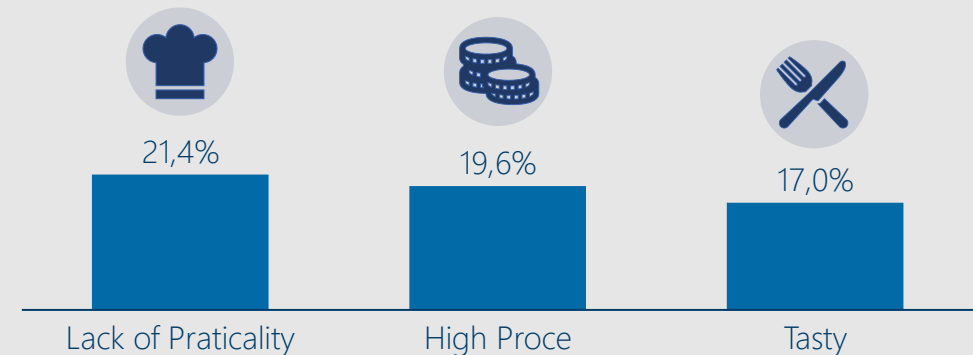
### Perception of Healthiness vs. Real Fish Consumption



### Main reasons to consumption



### Main reasons not to consume





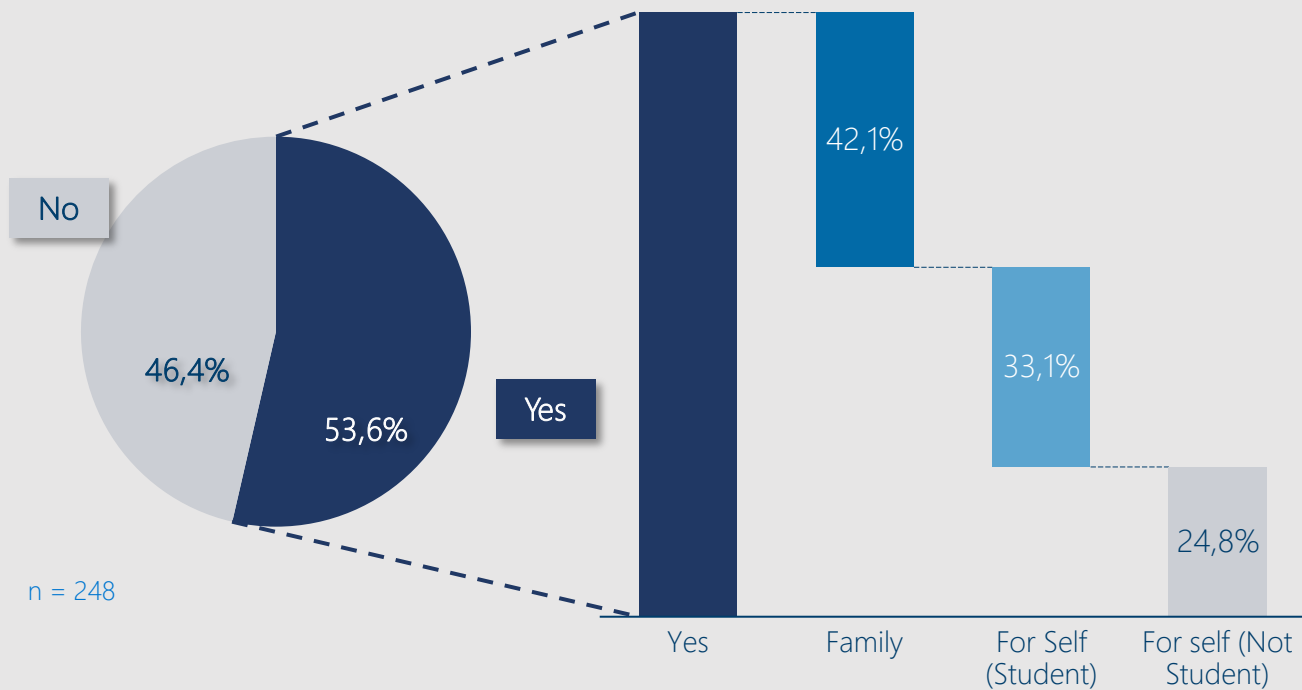
# More than half of the respondents are in the habit of buying AVF Food, with pizzas and fish fingers appearing as favorite products

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PURCHASE OF AVF FOOD | TARGETS, TYPES & BRANDS

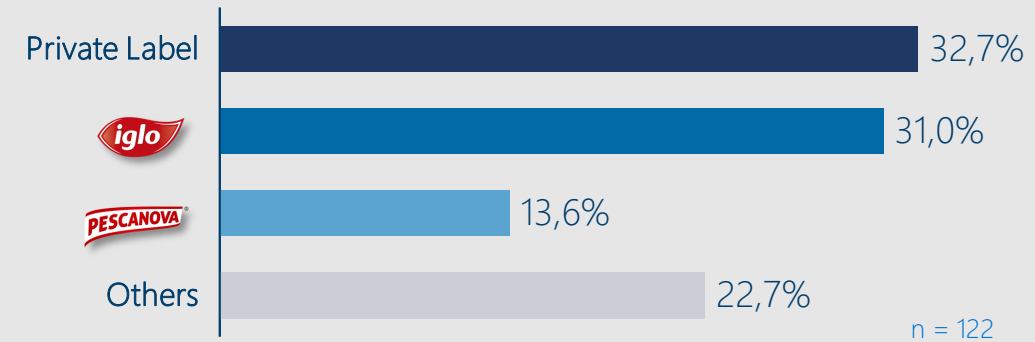
### Purchase of AVF Food and Target

"Do you usually buy AVF Food?"

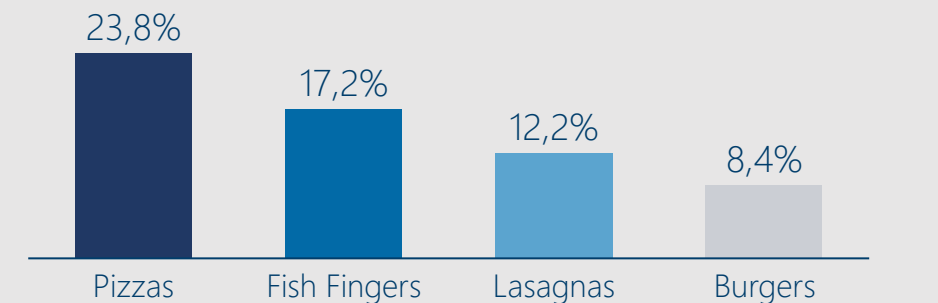
"Who are the main consumers of these products?"



### Top-of-Mind Brands



### Most consumed AVF Food



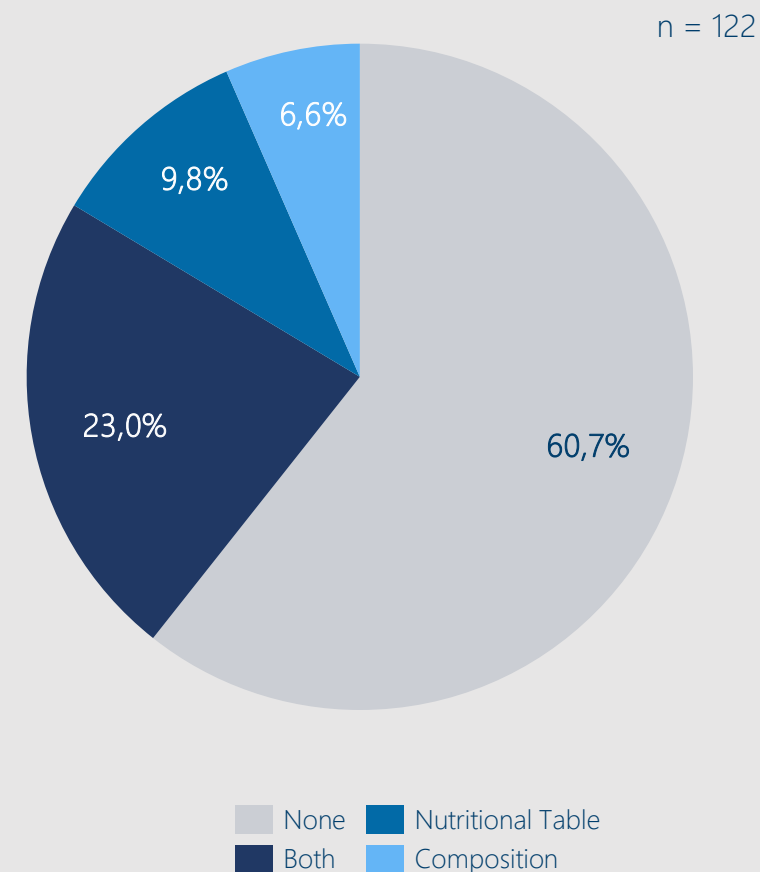
The Discount and Healthiness factor, appear, prominently, in opposite poles, as the most relevant factors in the purchase decision

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PURCHASE OF AVF FOOD | MOTIVATIONS

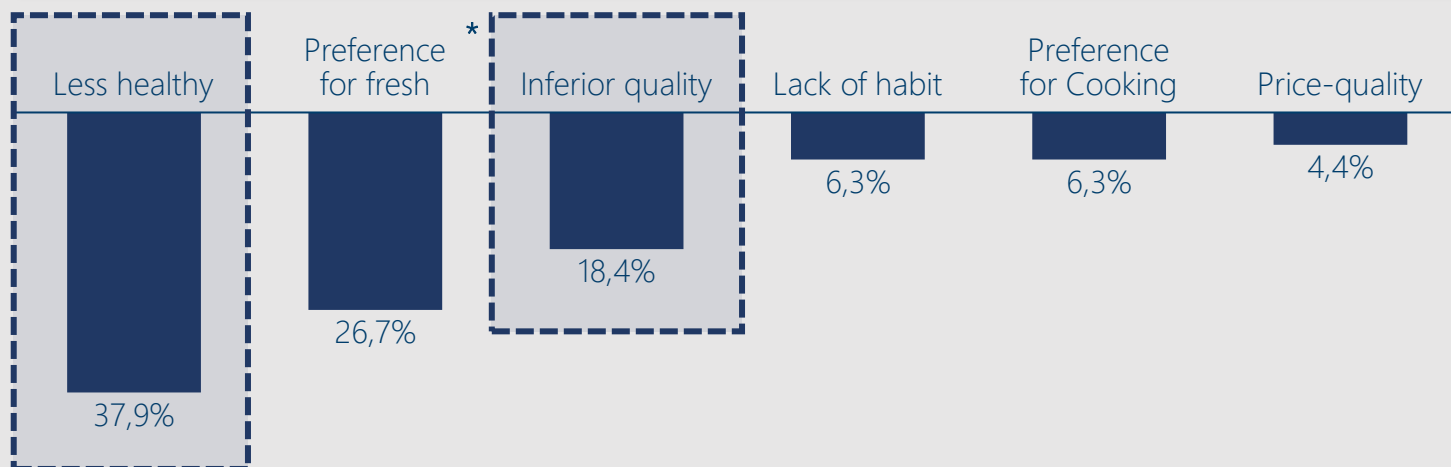
### Main Motivations for Purchase



### Nutritional Table and Composition



### Main Motivations not to Purchase



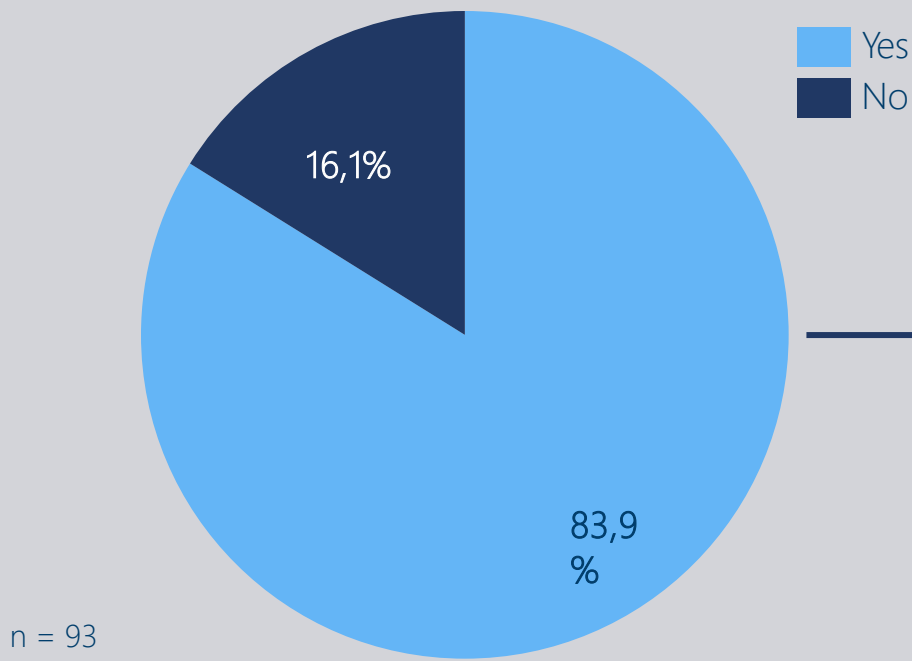
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Most respondents who avoid buying AVF Food would be willing to buy this type of products, with the necessary adaptations

APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PURCHASE OF AVF FOOD | MOTIVATIONS



"If you were presented with a product in this market with a more complete and healthy nutritional content, would you be willing to buy?"



What brand would you associate with a product corresponding to these characteristics?



Brand, Capitation and Promotion are identified as the most influential purchasing factors, although the latter does not appear to be decisive

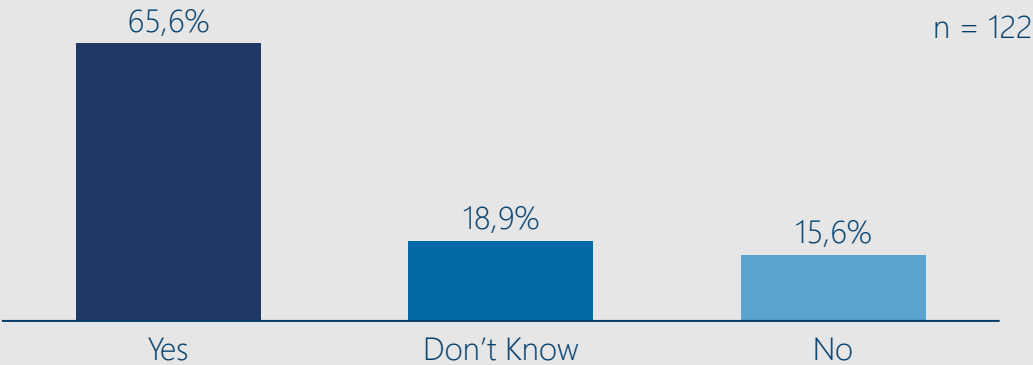
APPENDIX E | AVF FOOD PURCHASING FACTORS



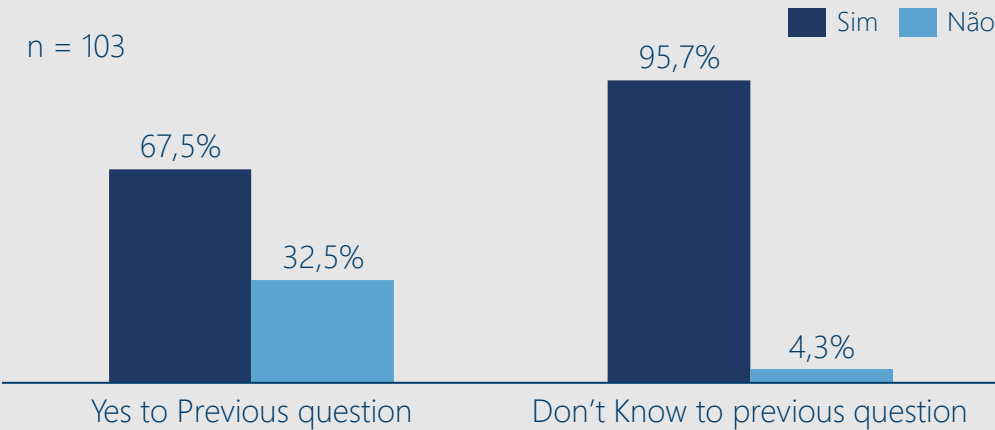
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Influence of Discounts

" Dou you usually buy with Discount"



" If these products weren't with Discount would you still buy?"



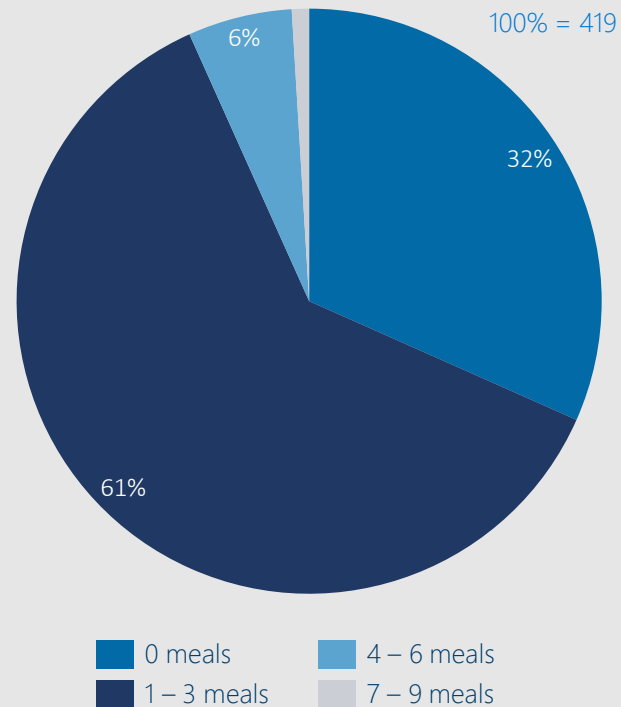
Most and Less influent Factors to purchase these products



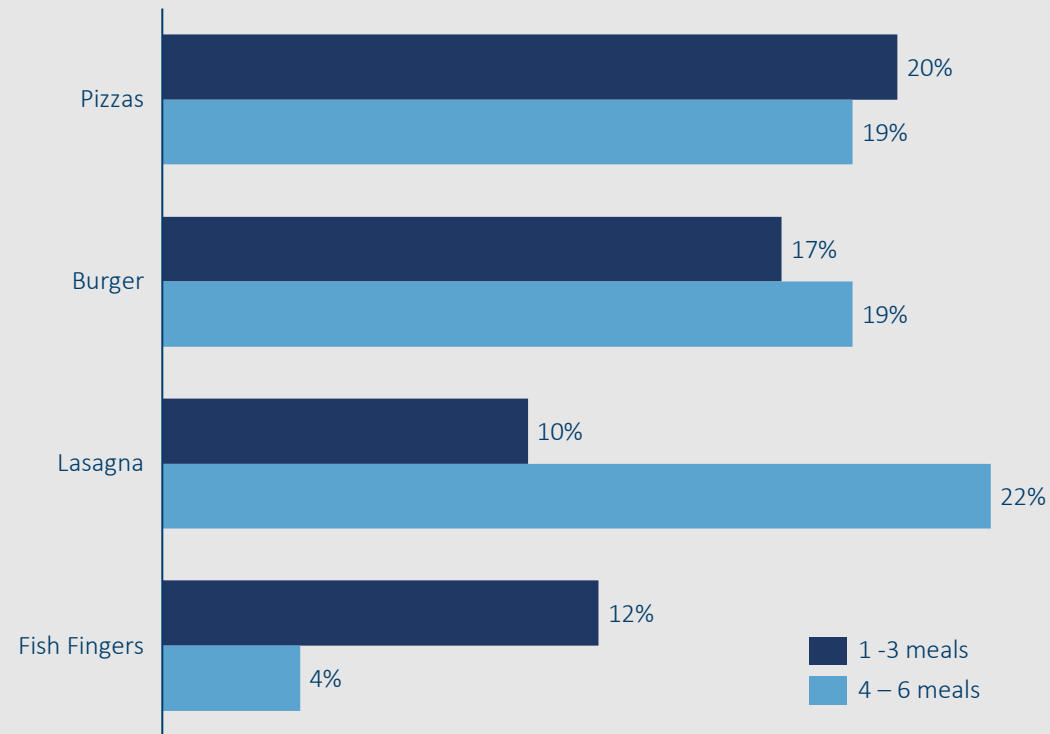
In one week, most respondents eat 1 to 3 meals of AVF Food, while 1/3 say they do not consume these products

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | CONSUMPTION OF AVF FOOD | FREQUENCY AND TYPES OF PRODUCTS

Weekly average of Meals with AVF Food



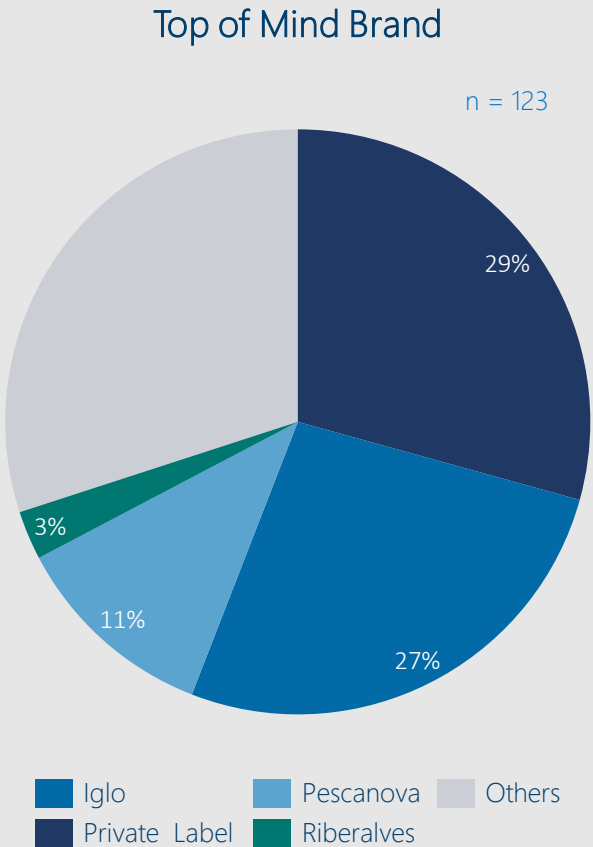
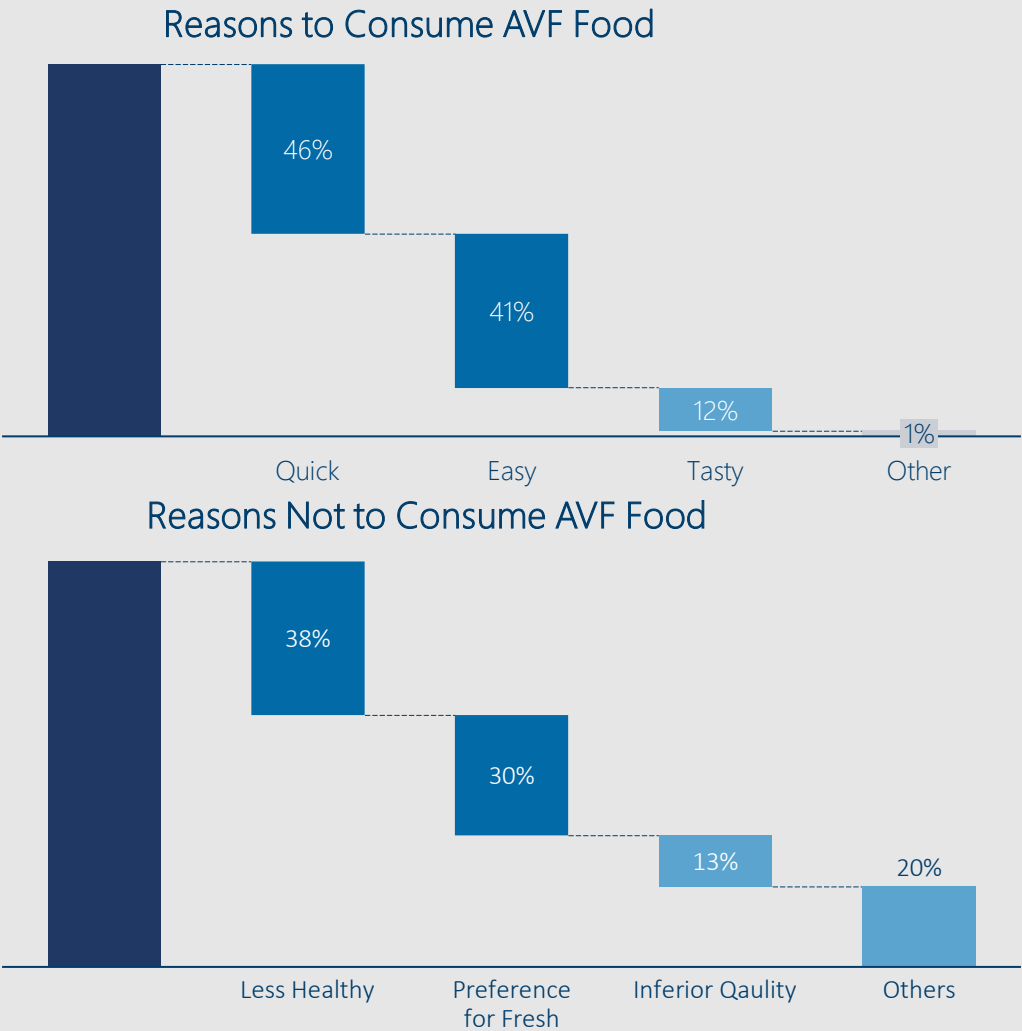
(Relative) frequency of consumption of prepared products by average weekly meals of preparations



In order to understand the market size of prepared products, respondents were asked about the frequency of consumption of these products and what type of products they consume most often.

# In a segment where consumers prioritize speed, DB and Iglo are the most recognized Brands

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | CONSUMPTION OF AVF FOOD | WEEKLY FREQUENCY



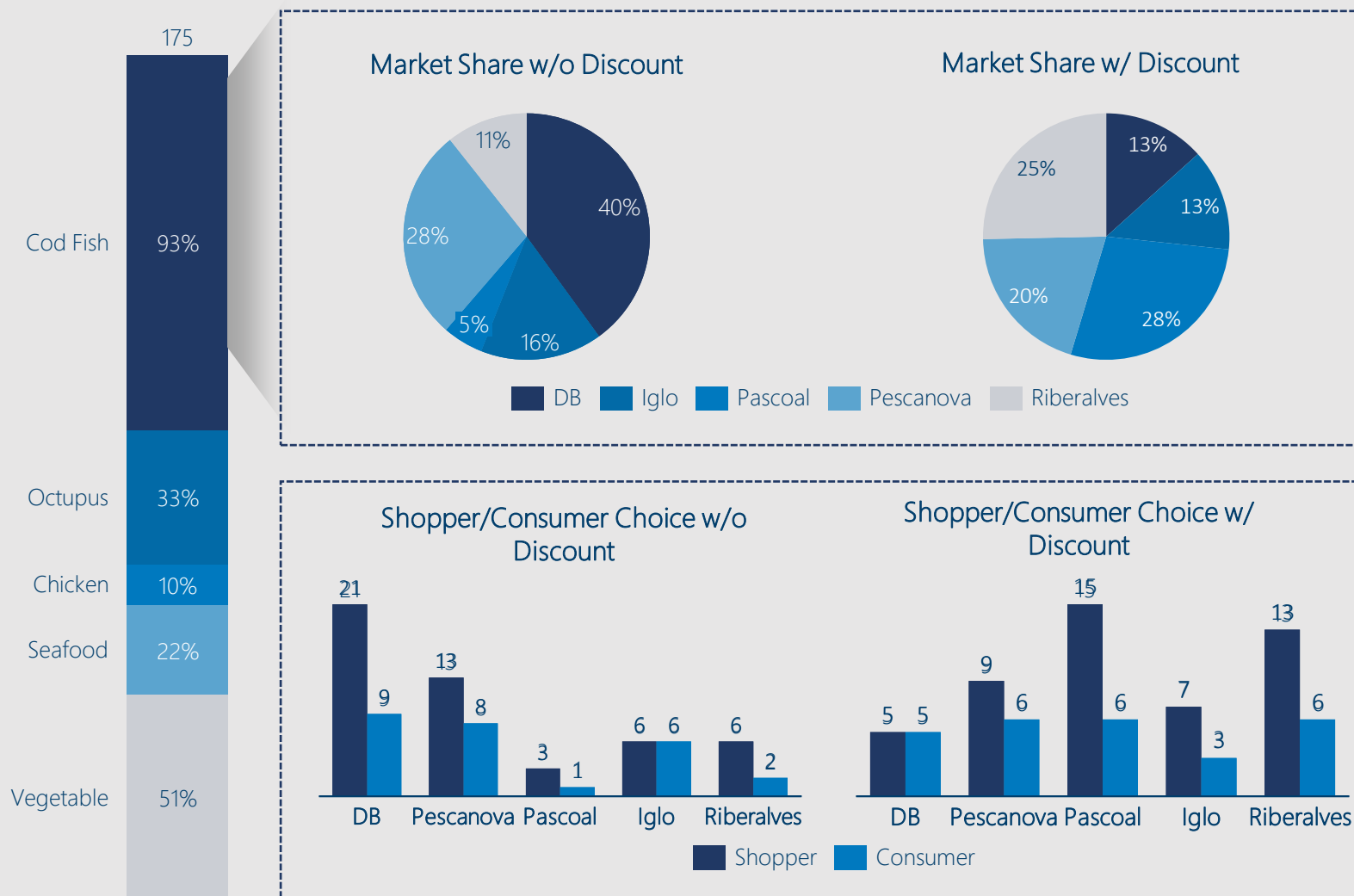
To better understand the dynamics of the prepared products segment, the reasons for consumption (and non-consumption) were analyzed, as well as the most recognized brands in the sector.

Therefore, the fact that people don't consume more of these products is highlighted due to their negative perceptions regarding the effect on health and the preference for fresh products.



# The choice of Fritters was dominated by Cod Fish where Riber Alves is a leader in a competitive market

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PROTOTYPES | FRITTERS

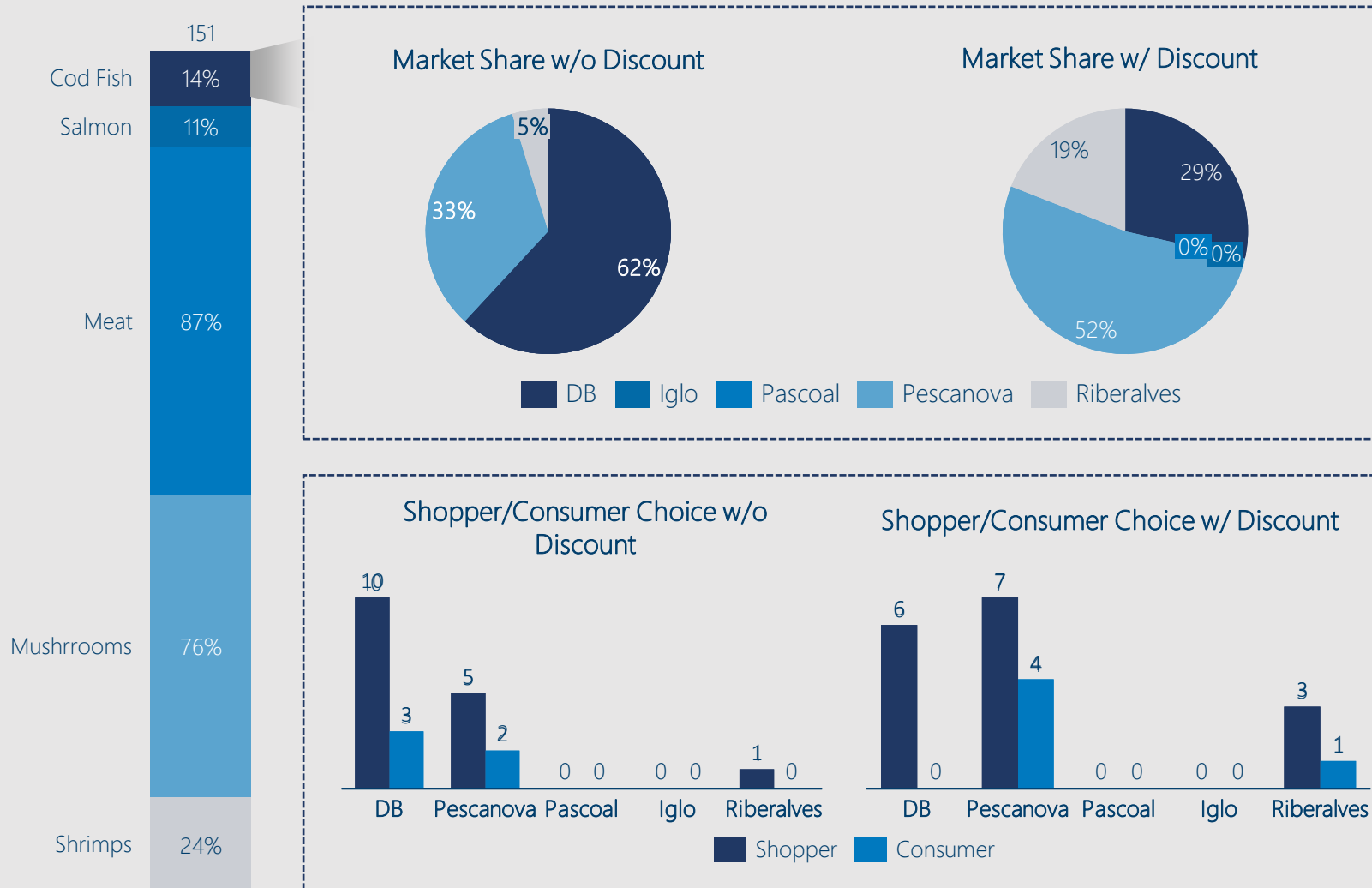


In the choice without promotion, DB captures 39% of the Market Share. On the other hand, with Discounts, Riber Alves is the leader in the choices.

The choice of Shoppers is more sensitive to the Discount factor than that of Consumers and Riber Alves is one of the brands that increases in choices despite the Premium Price

# The demand for Cod in the choice of Patties was residual, maintaining the patterns of choice

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PROTOTYPES| PATTIES

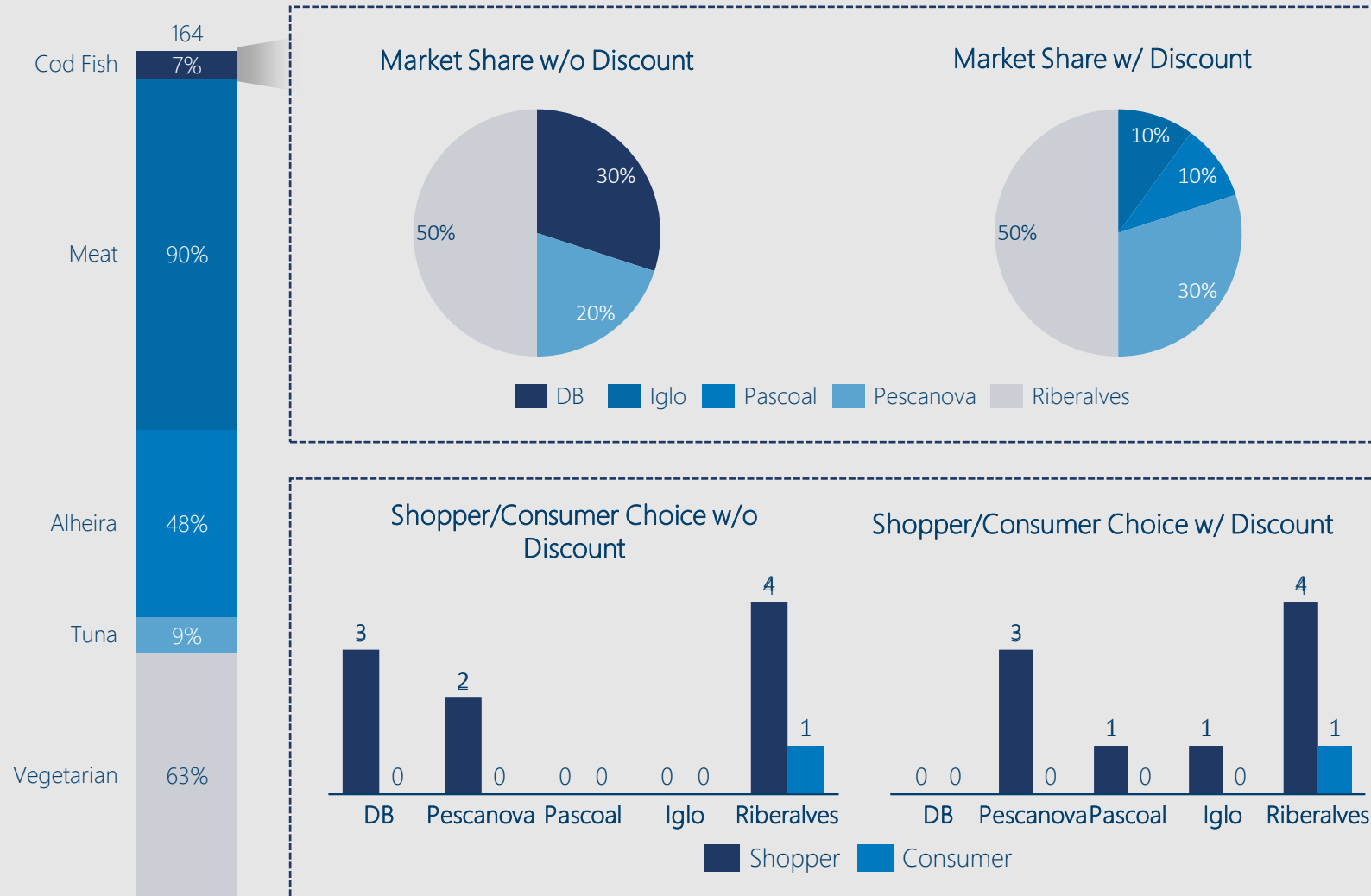


Of the 151 respondents who chose Patties, only 21 chose Cod. In this sample, Pescanova was the most chosen due to the competitive price

In this sample dominated by Shoppers, there is a tendency to abandon DB when the competition presents Discounts

# Despite much demand for Croquettes, Cod has a residual adhesion

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PROTOTYPES | CROQUETTES

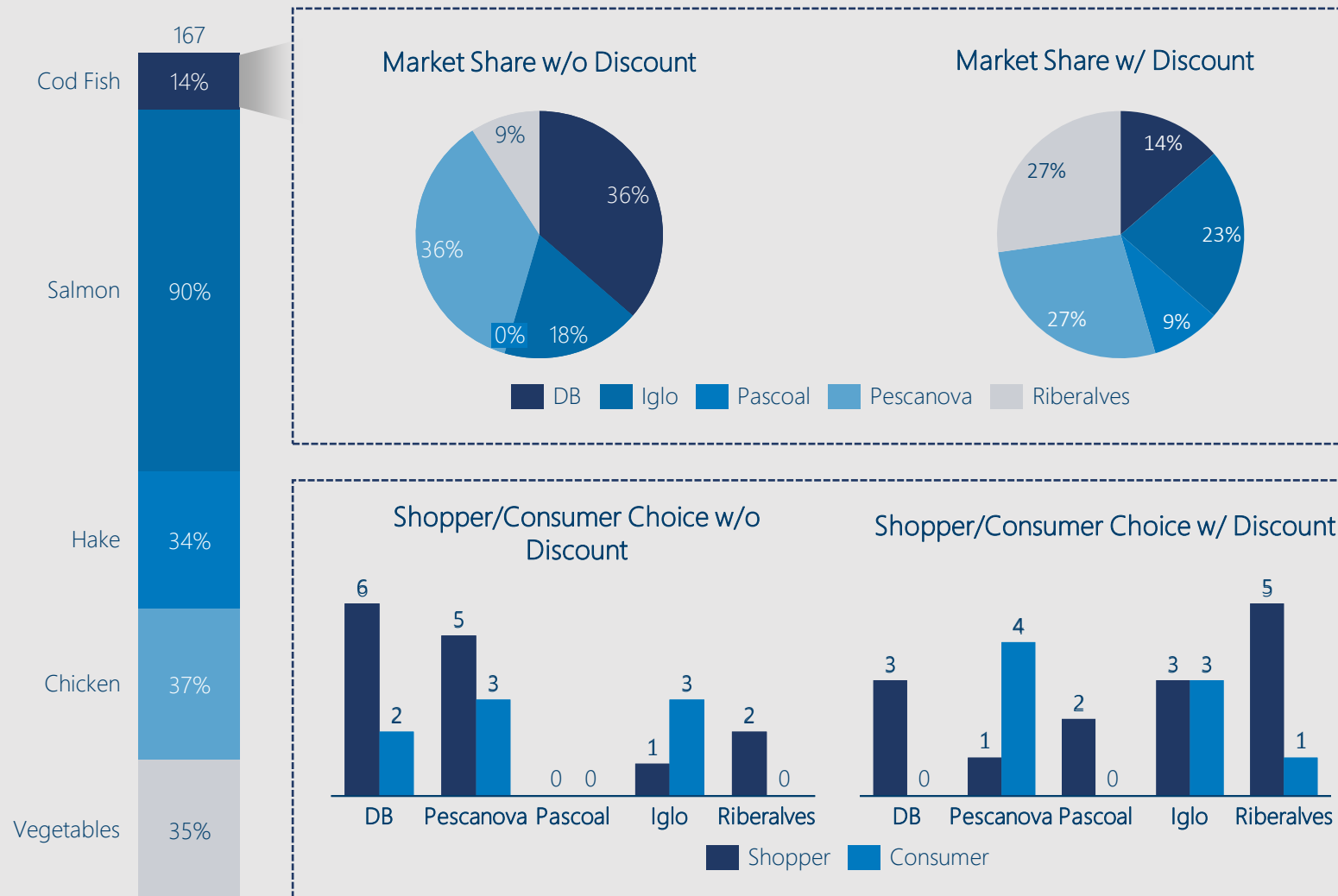


Of the 164 respondents who chose croquettes, cod was a poorly chosen protein, only 10 choices. However, the preference for Riber Alves remains

Sample almost exclusively composed of shoppers, who do not choose MD when the competition is competitive

# Very strong demand for Hake Fish Fingers dominates this prototype

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PROTOTYPES | FISH FINGERS

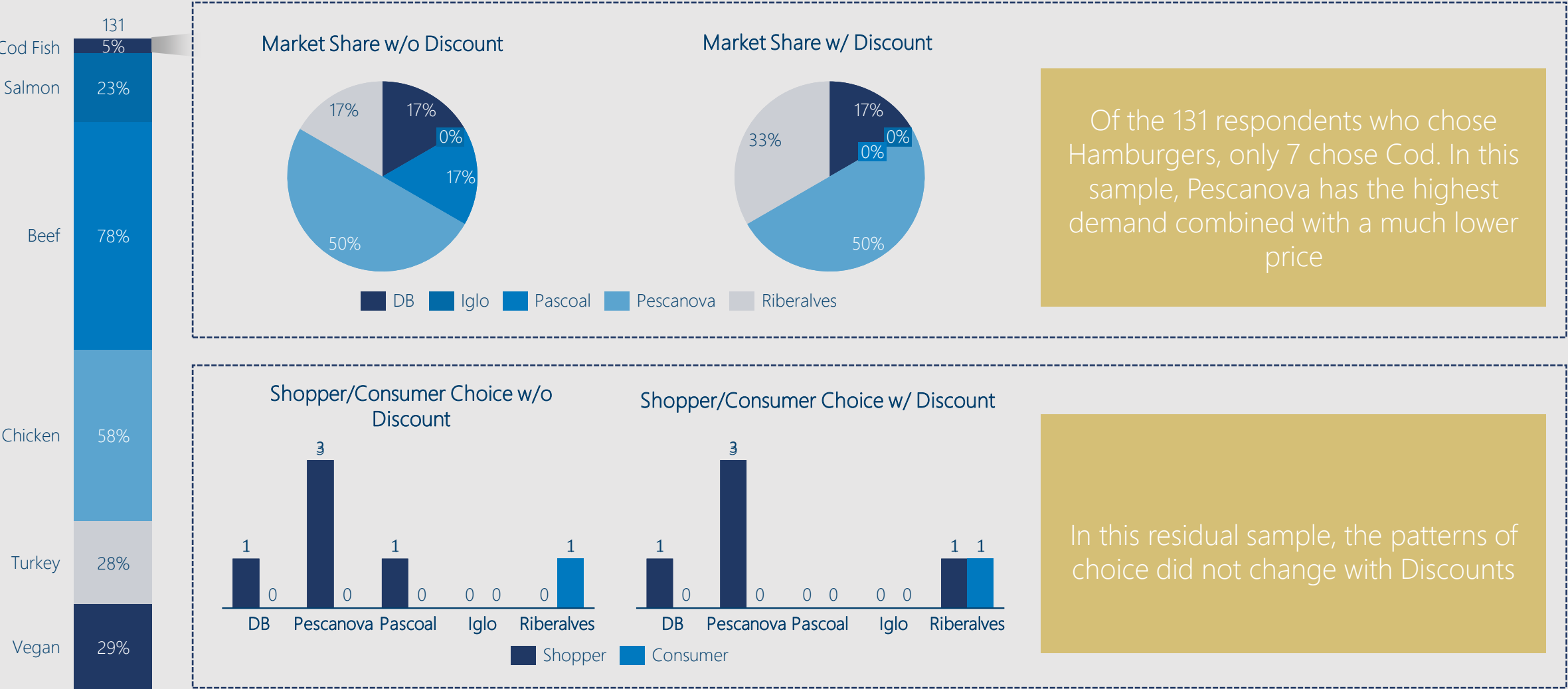


Of the 167 respondents who chose Fish Fingers, 23 chose cod. In this sample, Riber Alves is the leader despite the Premium in the Discount price

Shoppers show greater sensitivity to the Discounts, ending up preferring Riber Alves or Pescanova

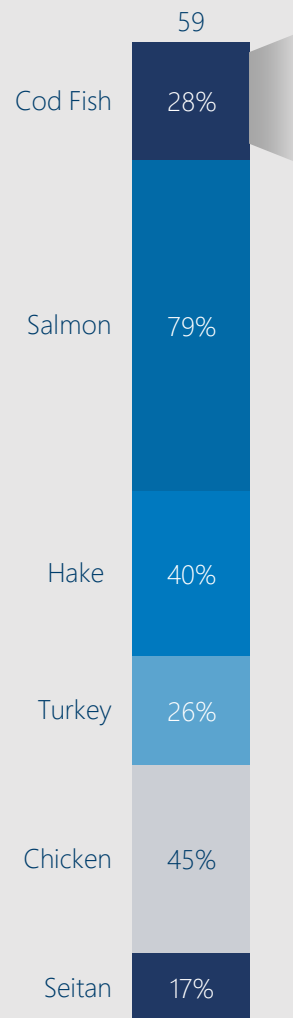
# The demand for Cod Fish Hamburgers proved to be residual given the existing preferences in the market

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PROTOTYPES | BURGER

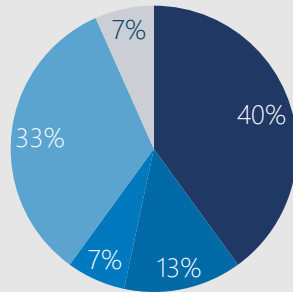


# Preferences in the search for fillets show adherence to the Codfish prototype

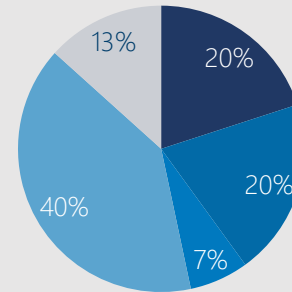
## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PROTOTYPES | BUTTERED FILLETS



Market Share w/o Discount



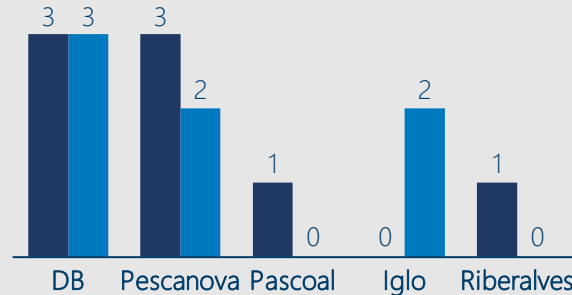
Market Share w/ Discount



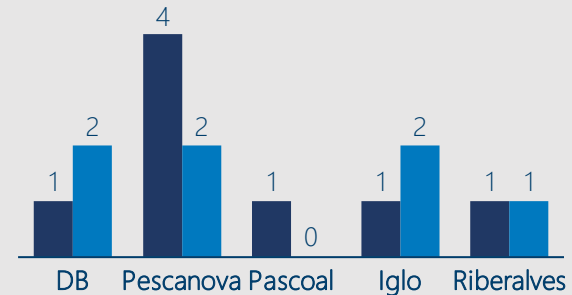
DB Iglo Pascoal Pescanova Riber Alves

Of the 59 respondents who chose Fillets there were 17 who chose Cod. In this sample, Pescanova has the highest demand combined with a much lower price close to the price of DB

Shopper/Consumer Choice w/o Discount



Shopper/Consumer Choice w/ Discount



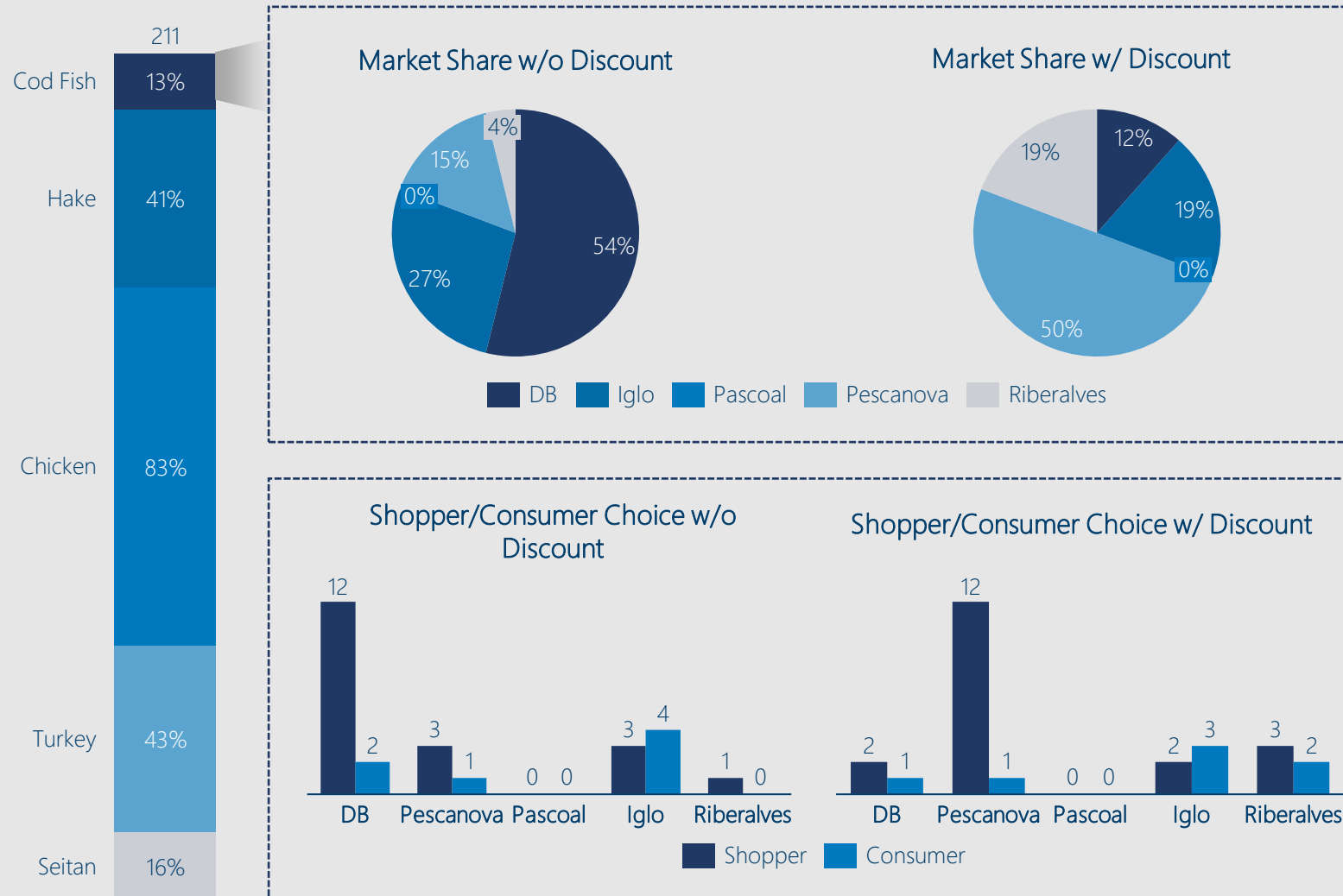
Shopper Consumer

Again, there is a pattern in which Shoppers prefer DB without Discount but then change the choice when faced with Discount



# Breaded Fillets had a very varied demand dominated by Meat products

## APPENDIX E | SURVEY RESULTS | PROTOTYPES | BREADED FILLETS



Of the 211 respondents who chose Crocantes, 26 chose Cod. In this sample, Riber Alves manages to surpass MD in the market with promotions despite the Premium in the price

In this sample, there is a clear preference for non-DB products by Shoppers. Pescanova, which has the lowest price, turns out to be the most chosen

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Pricing Structure



The interviews serve a qualitative purpose, in order to create a more solid idea about how consumption habits differ between life stages

## APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGIES

### In-Depth interviews Objectives



Understand Frozen Food Consumption habits



Comprehend the current fish consumption and the perceptions relative to AVFF



Study the consumption of Cod Fish between generations and the existing opportunities



Define decision-making factors for the consumer's final choice



Understand the public's perception of the Riber Alves brand

### Methodologies



CREATION OF HYPOTHESIS TO BE TESTED IN THE SURVEY

We divided consumers into 5 different personas, based on the life stage and preference for tasty experience or convenience / speed in the kitchen

APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGIES



Students

- ▲ Portugues Students
- ▲ Living outside of parents' home
- ▲ Budget restrictions



Childless Young People

- ▲ Until 30 years old
- ▲ Living outside of parents' home
- ▲ Working



Young People w/ Children

- ▲ Until 30 years old
- ▲ Young Children
- ▲ Working



Childless Adults

- ▲ Adults between 30 and 60 years old
- ▲ Good Financial conditions
- ▲ More free time



Adults w/ Children

- ▲ Adults between 30 and 60 years old
- ▲ Teenagers/ university students for children



"I like to eat and cook"

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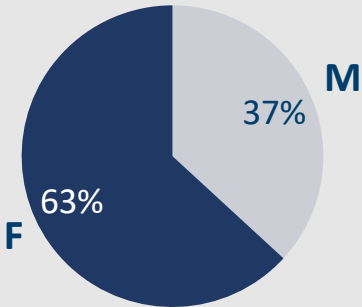
Vs



Convenience/speed

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SEX



DISTRIBUIÇÃO DE ENTREVISTADOS

Students	4
Childless Young People	6
Young People w/ Children	3
Childless Adults	4
Adults w/ Children	5

The speed and ease of cooking make frozen products an attractive option, especially for younger consumers or families with minor children

## APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | FROZEN FOOD

### HIGHLIGHTS

*"I buy a lot of frozen food It is fast, efficient and cheap, especially during exam times. "* - **Student**

*"Half of the meals I eat are of Frozen Food."* - **Student**

*"It is easier to take a pre-made product, without much need of preparation, leaving me free to do anything else. "* - **University student**

*"I always have a reserve, if I don't have something fresh."* – **Young person without children**

*"We buy a lot to eat on a daily basis. "* – **Adult with children**

*"I always have it at home, just in case"* - **Adult with children**

Speed and ease of cooking, as well as the possibility to keep as a reserve, are the main points highlighted

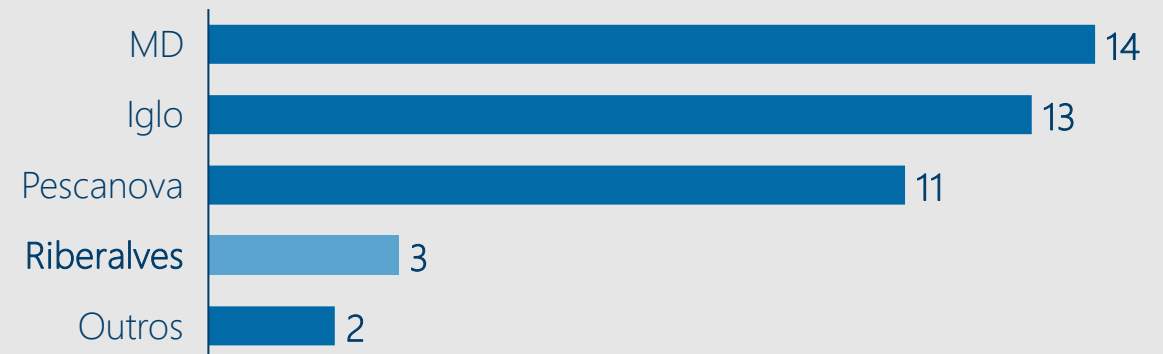
### CONSUMPTION REASONS

1. Facilidade (14)
2. Rapidez (8)
3. Preço (4)
4. Durabilidade (2)
5. Reserva (2)

### PURCHASING FACTORS



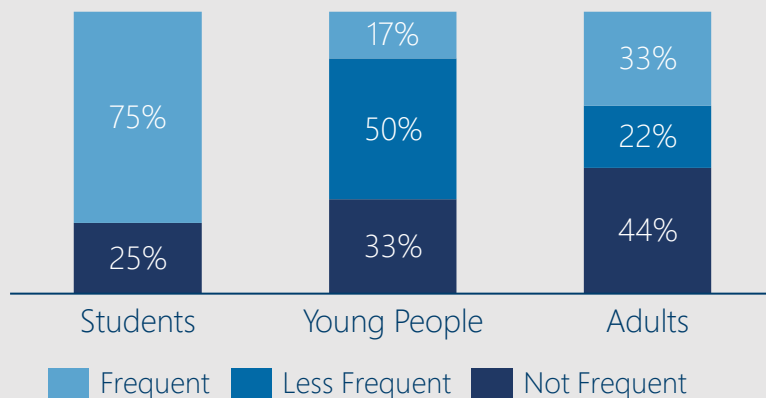
### TOP-OF-MIND BRANDS



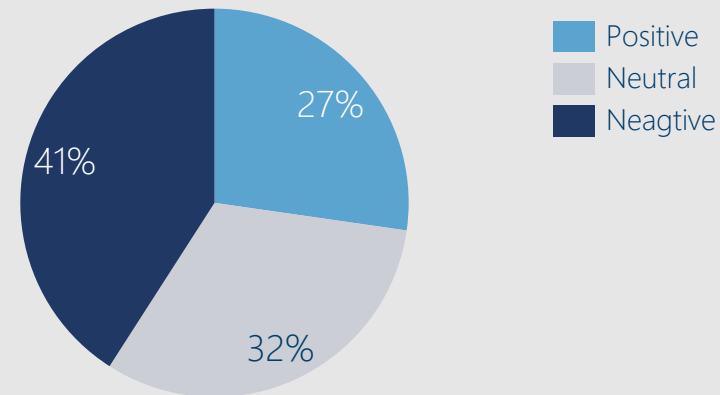
Although the perception of consumption is negative, this does not deter consumers from buying frozen foods thanks to the convenience associated

## APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | FROZEN FOOD

### FREQUENCY OF CONSUMPTION



### CONSUMPTION PERCEPTION

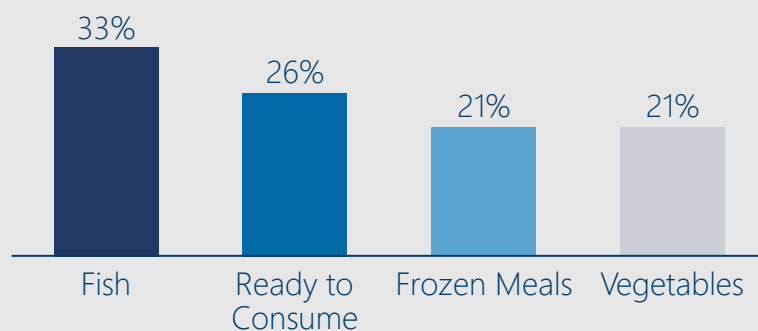


There is a high consumption among university students, being more moderate among young people and more polarized among adults.

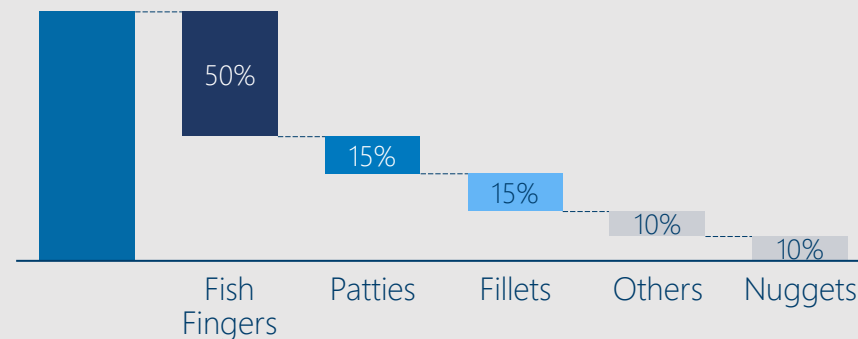
Despite the negative perception in terms of health benefits, this seems to be offset by the increase in convenience

In the Ready-To-Cook category, the fish fingers are the most popular product

### POPULAR CATEGORIES



### MOST POPULAR AVF FOOD





# Young people consume less fish than older generations although fish preferences are stable

## APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | FISH



### HIGHLIGHTS

*"If it is fresh, the quality will not be deceiving, and it is healthier. I know what I am eating, even if it is a little more expensive."* - **Student**

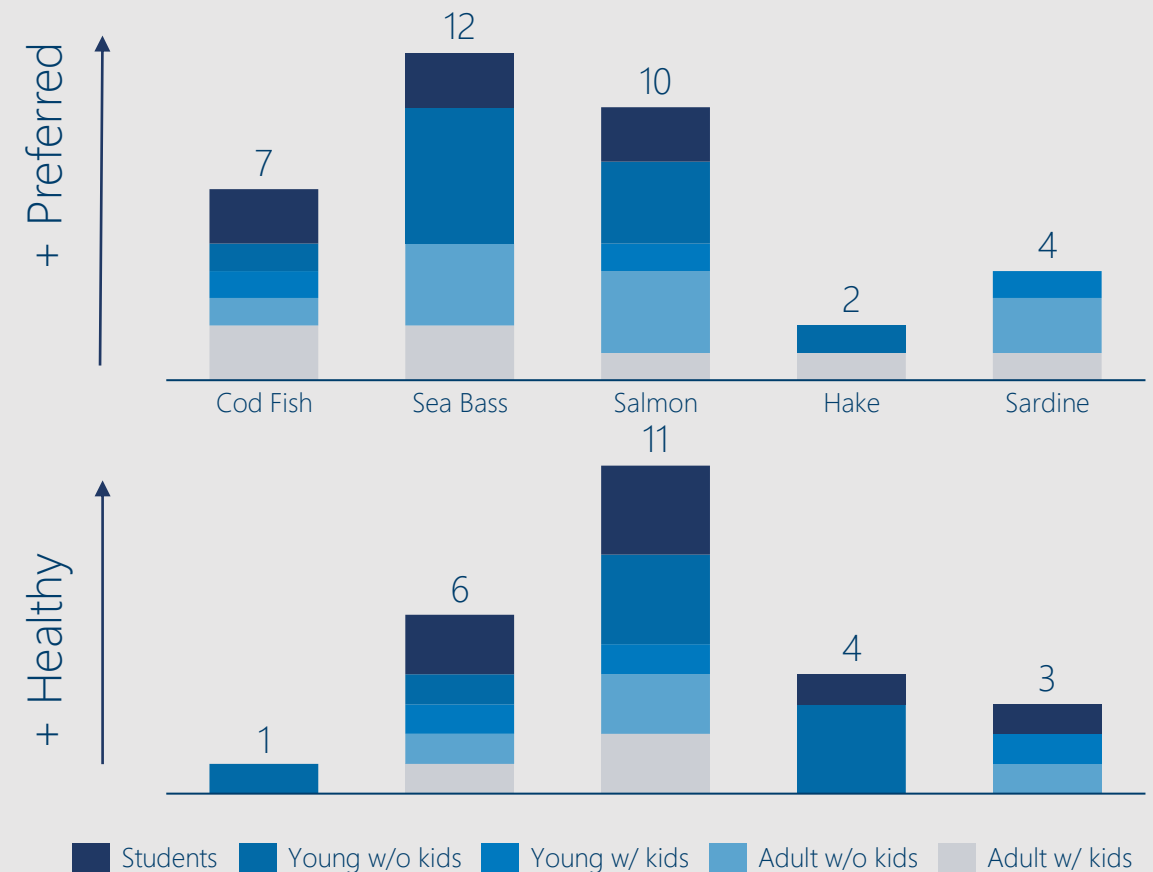
*"Less than I wanted to eat, just twice a week. I love to eat grilled, but it is not practical"* - **Young person with children**

*"Very little, only canned Tuna regularly."* - **Young person without children**

*"The fish is expensive and from aquaculture, but Cod Fish is essential."* - **Adult with children**

Most young people and university students do not eat fish often

### PREFERRED FISH AND HEALTHIEST FISH



# The consumption of AVFF is seen as a less healthy option associated with the demand for Fish Fingers

## APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | AVFF



### HIGHLIGHTS

*"Less than I wanted to eat, just twice a week. I love to eat grilled, but it is not practical "- Young person with children*

*"I like to eat, but it's unhealthy- Student*

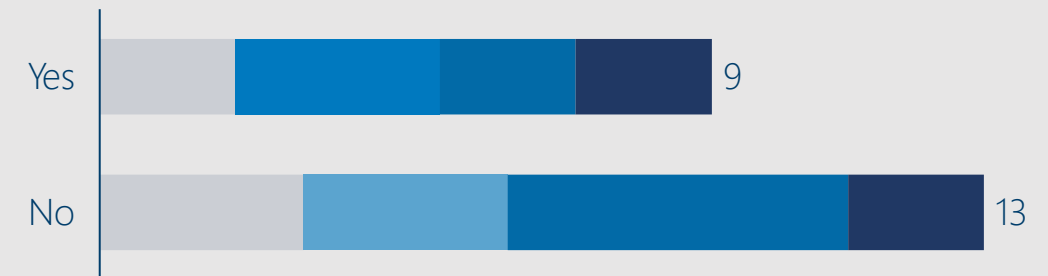
*"If the fish were fresh it would be healthier, but given the circumstances, practicality is more important." - Adult with children*

*"More for young people or for those with children" - Young person without children*

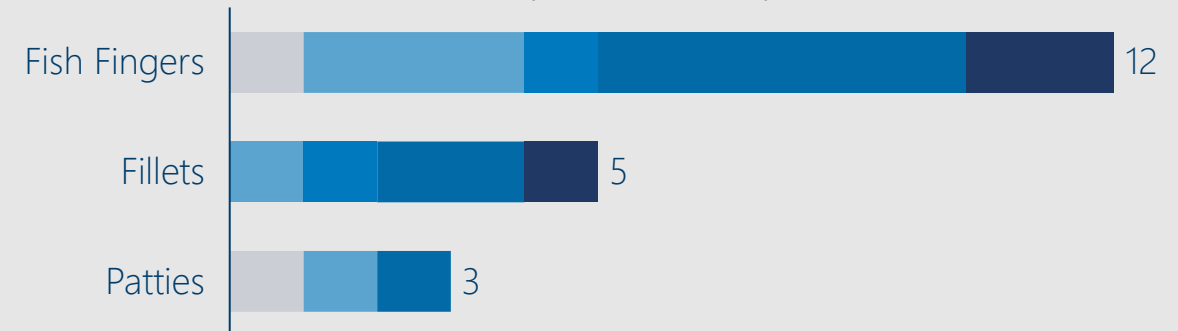
The consumption of AVFF is made by its fast preparation and children demand

### PREFERRED FISH AND HEALTHIEST FISH

#### Do you usually consume AVFF?



#### AVFF Top consumed products



Adult w/ kids   Adult w/o kids   Young w/ kids   Young w/o kids   Students

# Riberalves is a strong Cod Fish Brand for every generation

## APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | COD FISH



### HIGHLIGHTS

*"It's my favorite fish, like a lot of Cod Fish with sour and also "à Brás". I prefer the loin but it's expensive..." - University student*

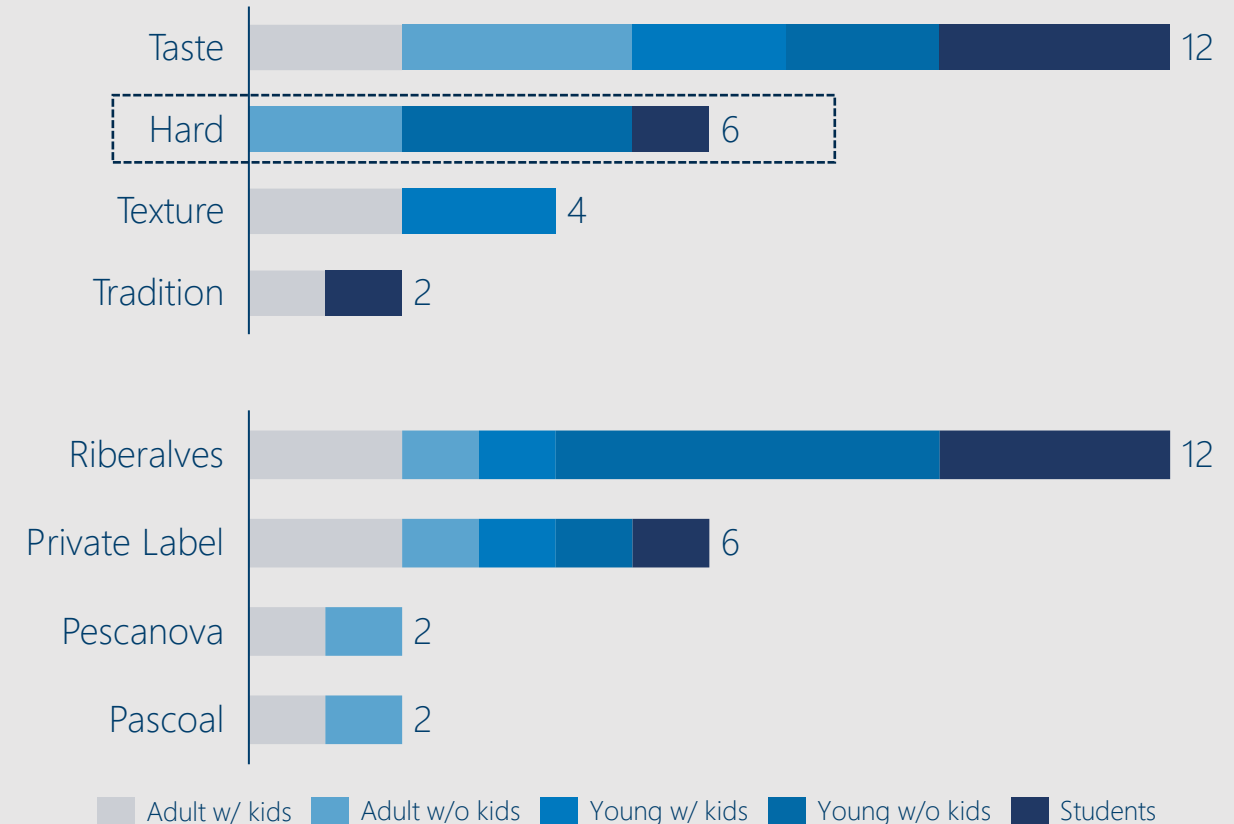
*"Cod is traditional, it's flavor, if it's fresh or dry it's not practical." – Young person without children*

*"I really like Cod and everything with Cod, but I don't know how to prepare this fish." - Adult without children*

*"Riberalves, because it's top quality" – Adult with children*

More than tradition it is the flavor that motivates the consumption of Cod

### MOTIVATIONS AND TOP OF MIND



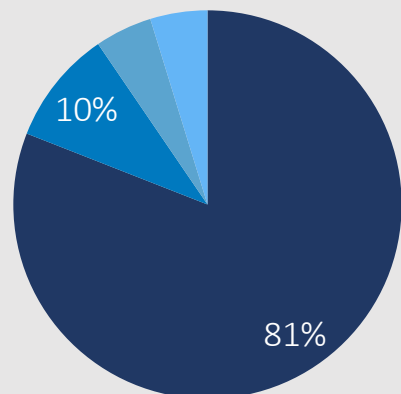
# The good Brand Awareness awarded to Riberalves does not materialize, among the interviewees, in Brand Commitment

## APPENDIX F | IN DEPTH INTERVIEWS | COD FISH | RIBERALVES



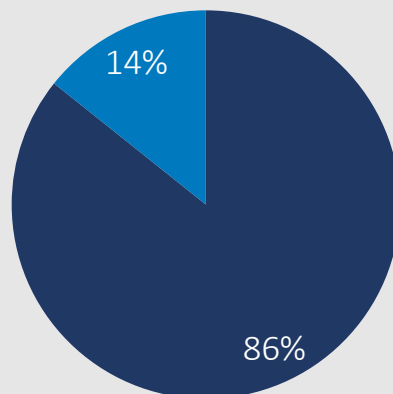
### BRAND AWARENESS

Q: "When was the last time you heard about Riberalves?"



Legend: "Don't recall" (Dark Blue), TV (Medium Blue), Work (Light Blue), Family (Very Light Blue)

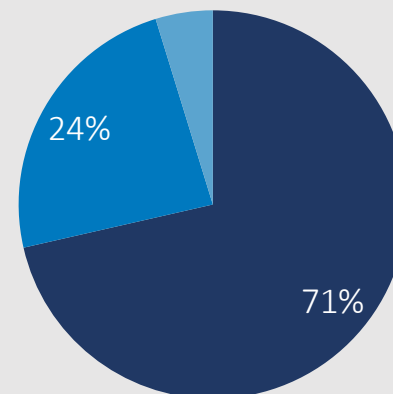
Q: "Do you recognize the brand?"



Legend: Yes (Dark Blue), No (Medium Blue)

### BRAND COMMITMENT

Q: "Have you ever bought Riberalves?"



Legend: No (Dark Blue), Yes (Medium Blue), Don't know (Light Blue)

Among the interviewees, Riberalves has a good Brand Awareness, even though they have not had contact with the brand recently.

However, this awareness does not materialize in commitment, since only 24% of the interviewees stated that they had already bought Riberalves, even though 86% of the people showed knowledge of the brand.

### PERCEPTION AS TO A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN OFFER

Faced with an example in a random brand, most respondents were positive or neutral in relation to a possible change. As potential benefits, they pointed to the transmission of positive characteristics associated with existing products and, as potential risks, a loss of confidence in the brand, in case the new product proves to be of inferior quality.

# APPENDIX

- A. SWOT
- B. PESTLE
- C. Porter's Five Forces
- D. Survey Questions
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- G. Price Recommendation – Pescanova's  
Pricing Structure



# To understand the cost structure of our Products' recommendations, Pescanova's AVFF products were analysed

## APPENDIX G | PRICE RECOMMENDATION | PESCANOVA'S AVFF COST STRUCTURE

### ASSUMPTIONS

Distributor Markup	50%
VAT	23%
~ Buttered Fillets Outsourcer Cost / kg	€2.94
~ Fish Fingers Outsourcer Cost/ kg	€2.69
Outsourcer required Premium over Fillets	50%
Outsourcer required Premium over Fish Fingers	25%



This difference arises from the **difference Riber Alves' products have against Pescanova's**. A higher premium's percentage is mainly caused by drastic variations between the average protein in Riber Alves' product and Pescanova's.

PRODUCT	€/kg COST	€/KG TRANSP	€/kg TOTAL COST
Peskitos Pescada Panada 320g (Fish Fingers)	2.40	0.06	2.46
Barrinhas Pescada Omega 3 450g (Fish Fingers)	2.996	0.06	3.056
Barrinhas de Pescada 1200g (Fish Fingers)	2.498	0.06	2.558
Pescada Panada 250g (Fillets)	2.461	0.06	2.521
Pescada Panada Filete Caseiro s/Gluten 320g (Fillets)	4.80	0.06	4.860
Pescada Panada c/Limão 400g (Fillets)	2.849	0.06	2.909
Pescada Panada c/ Ervas Aromaticas 400g (Fillets)	2.898	0.06	2.958
Pescada Panada c/ Pimenta e Limão 400g (Fillets)	3.086	0.06	3.146
Pescada Panada c/ Tomate e Manjeriçao 400g (Fillets)	3.086	0.06	3.146



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